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Extract from a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Sir James Dunlop Smith, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., Political A.-D.-C. to Secretary of State for India, to Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, dated the 23rd June 1910.

Yes, we had a hard time over the funeral—a foretaste of the much worse time we shall have with the Coronation next year. I hope you will let us have as early information as possible as to the Chiefs and notabilities who will come for that and what their requirements will be. } A

A. P. S.,—

In connection with A above, I think there must have been some correspondence between Viceroy and Secretary of State about Chiefs, &c., going home for the last Coronation before anything official was said on the subject. An official despatch, I hear, did not come till August. Can you kindly look it up?

A. F. PINNEY,—12-7-10.

There are no papers in office, I am sorry to say. Evidently no file was made at the time by those in charge then.

G. EYER WILSON,—13-7-10.

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Extract from a letter from Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy to Lieut.-Colonel Sir James Dunlop Smith, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., Political A.-D.-C. to the Secretary of State for India, dated the 12th July 1910.

I received your letter of the 23rd June by last mail, in which you say that you hope I will let you have as early information as possible as to the Chief and notables who will come to England for the Coronation and what their requirements will be. I will of course send you this information with pleasure, but so far we have had no official intimation of any kind out here as to when the Coronation is to be, or what arrangements we are expected to make in the matter of sending representatives. Are the arrangements and the number of representatives to be the same as on the last occasion, or would you be prepared to receive a larger number of Chiefs and leading men, as I feel sure that a great many more people will apply to go to England on this occasion than they did on the last? All sorts of people in fact are already sounding the Local Governments and myself on this subject and offering themselves as official representatives.

Since dictating the above I have been enquiring for papers about the last Coronation and find that there is no correspondence in P. S. V.'s Office, as of course it was in Lord Curzon's time, and the file in the Foreign Office begins with a despatch from Secretary of State, giving instructions to us out here as to what we should do about sending representatives, &c. It seems, however, that this must have been subsequent to certain private correspondence between the Viceroy and the Secretary of State which does not now exist out here. At least we have not found it yet. If you could kindly give us a hint as to what is expected of us, I will go ahead with definite proposals.



Extract from a letter from the Hon'ble Mr. S. H. Butler, C. S. I., C. I. E., to His Excellency the Viceroy, dated the 20th July 1910.

He did not want Baroda or Kapurthala to come to the Coronation. He supposed that we should select the Princes. Would the Nizam come? I replied that the Nizam would certainly not come unless he was sure of his precedence, and I foresaw endless difficulties with crowned Princes in Europe. They had plenty of these on the occasion of the funeral without the colour question coming in. I have warned Dunlop, who has an altogether exaggerated notion of the Indian Princes, in my opinion.

### Secretary of State to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 29th July 1910, 11-40 p. m. (Recd. 30th, 10-30 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Executive Committee has been appointed, and I shall have in due course to submit to His Majesty proposals for Indian representation. Question of Indian representation here should, I think, be considered in connection with that of celebrations in India. It has been suggested to me that Durbar on scale of 1902 may not be desirable, and that celebrations should be local in Provinces and Native States without any great central function. This will accord with action taken regarding Memorial to late King. It has also been suggested that celebration in India might be on day of Coronation itself, which will be in latter half of next June. There seems to be advantage in coincidence of date, while exigencies of hot weather will necessitate abbreviated ceremonies. On the other hand, if there is to be any big function in India, it may be expedient to minimise Indian representation here.

Personally I am disposed to think that representation here should be on general lines of 1902, with modifications shown by experience to be desirable. Financial arrangements will be governed by agreement with Treasury reported in Financial Despatch No. 33, dated February 20th, 1903. But this does not diminish necessity for careful financial scrutiny.

Please let me have your views in general on above considerations, and in particular on question of invitations to Chiefs and representatives and of conditions to be attached thereto. It may be well to include among Chiefs asked Scindia, Bikaner, Rampur and Cooch Behar as A.-D.-C.'s to the King. As regards representatives of British India, claims not only of Legislative Councils but also of other important sections of community will have to be considered—Indians would be preferable to Europeans.

Regarding troops cost will be reduced if their stay is limited to a fortnight. It seems a question whether numbers might not be reduced, but feelings of Indian Army must be taken into account. It would seem better if numbers are to be reduced to send full representation of fewer corps rather than a diminished representation of same number of corps as came in 1902.

Please let me have your views on whole subject by letter as soon as convenient. No action of course till King's pleasure has been taken.

Extract from a letter from His Excellency the Viceroy to the Right Hon'ble Viscount Morley of Blackburn, O. M., His Majesty's Secy. of State for India, dated the 3rd August 1910.

As to the Coronation too (your telegram July 29th), I must find out opinions before replying. But speaking off hand, I should be against attempting any great function in India—anything of the sort would have to be in the cold weather, and it would be quite wrong to aim at expenditure approaching that of the Durbar of 1902-3. On the other hand, comparisons are odious, and it would not be advisable to have a Durbar on economical lines. I should therefore not be inclined to attempt it. Again, celebrations on a big scale in June in India would be practically impossible. The heat in the plains would prohibit them; moreover the Government of India and all the Local Governments would be in "the hills", and as the rains would have in all probability commenced, it would be impossible to hold any big functions, and anyhow "hill stations" are not adapted to such things. I should say it would be better not to attempt a Coronation Durbar at all, but to fire the necessary salutes with all the ceremony available locally, on the day of the Coronation, and to make the Indian representation in England as imposing as possible. I expect a larger number of Chiefs will hope to receive invitations than in 1902, because on that occasion I believe many of them were left out on the grounds that they would take part in the great ceremony at Delhi—so on the coming occasion their numbers might probably be increased, and if there is no Durbar and if we consider at all the precedents of 1902-3—we should have a very large margin of expenditure to look to in comparison with that of the last Coronation. I will let you know as soon as I can about all this.

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#### INDIA'S REPRESENTATION AT THE CORONATION IN ENGLAND IN JUNE 1911.

The subject may be divided under the following heads:—

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| I. Ruling Chiefs.                       | III. Army of India.          |
| II. Representatives from British India. | IV. Imperial Service Troops. |
| V. Miscellaneous arrangements.          |                              |

I. *Ruling Chiefs*.—At the last Coronation the following 5 Ruling Chiefs were invited as representatives of their various provinces:—

Kolhapur	...	...	...	Bombay.
Gwalior	...	...	...	Central India.
Jaipur	...	...	...	Rajputana.
Bahawalpur	}	...	...	Punjab.
Nabha				

The two Punjab Chiefs did not go and in their place Sir Pertab Singh, Maharaja of Idar, and the Maharaja of Bikaner were substituted. The last two were also sent as representing the Imperial Service Troops, but were treated precisely the same as the other Ruling Chiefs. They had to pay their own passages, but were provided with house accommodation, pay of their English servants and the hire of two carriages at the expense of the Indian Government. Their followers, for whom accommodation was provided, were limited to 30.

II. *Representatives from British India*.—Fifteen altogether were invited, *i. e.*, one representative from each of the provinces of India, including the North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan, and one representative for each of the Presidency towns: Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. They were given travelling allowance to England and back and accommodation for one week in a hotel, and two officers were appointed to look after them, *viz.*, Dr. Pollen and Mr. Gabriel, both appointed by the Secretary of State.

III. *Army of India*.—One thousand men of all ranks were sent home in a steamer chartered for the purpose, *viz.*, 250 cavalry, 750 infantry—including 25 Imperial Service Cavalry and 75 Imperial Service Infantry. The British officers in charge were the following:—

1	Commandant.	
1	Staff Officer.	
1	Supply and Transports Officer.	
1	Officer Commanding the Cavalry.	
1	Do.	do. Infantry.
1	Do.	do. Artillery.
1	Do.	do. Sappers.
1	Do.	do. I. S. T.
1	Adjutant-General, Cavalry.	
1	Do.	do. Infantry.
3	Squadron Commanders.	
4	Double Company Commanders.	
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TOTAL	...	17
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Most of these were selected from officers either going on leave or already on leave. The troops were chosen as follows:—

*Cavalry*.—14 detachments, each containing 1 Native Officer and 19 men.

*Infantry*.—20 detachments, each containing 1 Native Officer and 36 men.

*Native Artillery*.—1 detachment of 2 Native Officers and 56 men.

*Sappers and Miners*.—3 detachments of 1 Native Officer and 16 men.

**IV. Imperial Service Troops.**—One hundred Imperial Service Troops were sent home, who were included under the last head, *viz.*, mounted officers 13, company officers 3, non-commissioned officers 48, privates 36 : Total 100. Captain Watson of the Gurkhas was in charge.

The following were also specially sent home to represent the Imperial Service Troops : Sir Pertab Singh of Idar, Maharaja of Bikaner, Bir Bikram of Sirmoor, Afsur Dowla and Desraj Urs of Mysore. Of these the first two were eventually sent home as Ruling Chiefs in place of the two Punjab Chiefs mentioned under No. I, and were treated as Ruling Chiefs. The last three lived in the camp provided for the Indian troops.

**V. Miscellaneous.**—The only point under this head that is dealt with in the files out here was that seats were reserved in Westminster Abbey for six Governors and Lieutenant-Governors, past and present, and that seats to view the procession to Westminster Abbey were provided for 60 representatives of the public services in India. Most of these were selected by the Secretary of State in England, but the Viceroy also sent in the names of a certain number of officials for whom seats were provided.

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#### PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT CORONATION.

I would suggest :

(a) that the Foreign Department should be consulted as to the Ruling Chiefs to whom they propose invitations should be issued, and that the number as before might be limited to 5 or 6 in all, which should include the Maharaja Scindia, Maharaja of Bikaner and Nawab of Rampur as being A.-D.-O.'s to the King, and I would suggest also the Maharaja of Mysore and the Maharaja of Jodhpur as suitable Chiefs to whom invitations might be issued.

(b) Home Department might be consulted as to representatives from British India. I would suggest that the head of each Province should send in 2 or 3 names from whom one could be selected by the Government of India, and that the cities of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay might be separately represented as before.

(c) The Army Department should be consulted as to the number and composition of troops it would be advisable to send home on the present occasion, but I should think it would be impossible to reduce the number below 1,000 as before.

(d) The Inspector-General of Imperial Service Troops might be consulted through the Foreign Office on the subject of representatives from this body. I understand that General Drummond, who will be retiring in March 1911, wishes to be placed in charge of the Imperial Service Troops Contingent in England.

A. F. PINHEY,—4-8-10.

Extract from a letter from E. V. Gabriel, Esq., c. v. o., to Private Secretary to the Viceroy, dated the 10th August 1910.

I hope that, if you accept old Pollens proposition and he is placed on duty for the Coronation again, that he will be bound down by rule and regulation and not be allowed to let his merry men run wild as on the last occasion. I think I can now lay claim to more experience of bear-leading than anyone else in India, and I can safely say that his task was the most difficult one at the Coronation. But his method of dealing with the difficulty was simply to let everyone do as they liked. I think the whole *bundobust* might be very much improved on the next occasion, and it might be run at half the cost that it was last time.

You say there will probably be no big Coronation celebration out here, but a good many of the Chiefs, at any rate in these parts, seem to be looking forward to one and to regard it as important. And public opinion seems to point to Delhi as the right place for the affair, which is no doubt correct. Lord Lytton was at great pains to find the proper place for the 1877 Assemblage, and Lord Curzon, who was prejudiced in favour of Agra, was obliged also to give it up in favour of the old Imperial capital; one great advantage of which is that, since the 1903 Durbar, we know down to the last detail and the last farthing what a show there would run to. I have no hesitation in saying that a Durbar there could be arranged for at less than half the cost of the last one, number for number, and certainly for a third of what it would cost at Agra or elsewhere; and there are in the Punjab still the same officers who had experience of the 1902-03 Durbar to ensure that everything would run smoothly and well. I think the Chiefs will be disappointed if there is not a *tamasha* of some kind to celebrate the occasion. Scindia was talking to me about it the other day, and he said he thought it essential to have one. The *Daily Hitabadi* even goes so far as to suggest that the King himself ought to be crowned as Emperor in India as well as King in England, and even though this may not be feasible, the presence of a member of the Royal Family (why not Prince A. of Connaught?) would have a great effect. There is no doubt about it, you cannot run India on the dull drab lines that would suit a Western people, and some big event such as a war, a Delhi Durbar, or the death of a King, is needed at intervals to stimulate the imagination and loyalty of these warm-blooded Orientals. Look at the effect the Royal visit had on Calcutta in 1906, and that of the presence of the Duke of Connaught on the Delhi Durbar. It was the making of the ceremony, and the interest of the Chiefs would not have been anything like so great if he had not been there. I feel also that the wave of sentiment following the King's death has been more efficacious as regards sedition than all the police measures in the country. One possible alternative to the Delhi celebration has suggested itself to me, and that is to have a ceremony at Bombay. There is a fine space on the Back Bay side of the Secretariat Buildings, from the steps of which the King's message could be read, while in front there might be an imposing array of men-of-war of the Royal Navy, that would bring home to this country in a way that is otherwise difficult, the nature of the *force majeure* on which the British Dominion is based and the greatness of the whole of which India forms only a part. India is rather inclined to regard itself as an isolated unit, and it would be good for it is, I think, to feel that it is only one link in a chain.

Unless the charges of the Admiralty were very heavy, such a show would cost very little indeed. It would I should think be much appreciated by the people of Bombay, and Bombay itself has a close connection with the British Crown since the day when it came as a fishing village in the dowry of Catherine of Braganca.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

\* Telegram, No. 235, 10th August 1910, 1-40 p. m.

*Private.* Your private telegram 29th July. Coronation. My letter of 4th August gives my views generally about ceremonies to be observed in India. Will write or telegraph more fully about Indian representation in England after seeing Butler, who will doubtless have talked matters over with you.

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To J. B. WOOD, Esq., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 10th, 1910.*

MY DEAR WOOD,

I am desired by His Excellency to address you on the question of Indian representation at the Coronation ceremonies which are to be held in England in June 1911. It has been suggested by the Secretary of State that this should be generally on the lines observed in 1902, with such modifications as have been shown by experience to be desirable. No definite action can of course be taken at present. But I am to enquire your views as to the Ruling Chiefs who should in your opinion receive invitations to the Coronation ceremony, the number of followers who should accompany them, and the facilities they should receive in the matter of house accommodation, servants, carriages, &c., and the length of time they should remain in England as State guests. I am addressing the Inspector-General separately on the subject of Imperial Service Troops. But he will no doubt consult with you before recording his views.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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To THE HON'BLE MAJOR-GENERAL SIR R. I. SCALLON, K. C. I. E., C. B., D. S. O.,  
Secy. to the Govt. of India, Army Dept.

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In this connection the Secretary of State has suggested that the cost could be reduced if the stay of the troops is limited to a fortnight and if a full representation of fewer corps could be sent home than a diminished representation of the same number of corps as went home in 1902.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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To LIEUT.-COLONEL R. E. GRIMSTON, C. I. E., Offg. Inspector-General, Imperial Service Troops.

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Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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To THE HON'BLE MR. A. EARLE, C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

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June 1911. It has been suggested by the Secretary of State that this should be generally on the lines observed in 1902, with such modifications as have been shown by experience to be desirable. No definite action can of course be taken at present. But I am to enquire your views as to the number and distribution of representatives from British India, the claims of the various Provinces and Legislative bodies, Presidency towns, &c., and the conditions as to travelling allowance, accommodation and length of stay in England, to be attached to their selection.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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Extract from a letter from the Hon'ble Mr. S. H. Butler, C. S. I., C. I. E., to H. E. the Viceroy, dated the 12th August 1910

I have come down to the India Office about the Coronation. The Secretary of State is away, but I have seen Ritchie and Lord Morley's Private Secretary. We had a long and inconclusive talk. Apparently both Dunlop and Duff had advised the following of precedent. At present I am inclined to think (1) that this is the last opportunity there will be of cutting down the cost and trouble of Coronation ceremonies; (2) if there is a Durbar, there will have to be as big a Durbar as at Delhi; (3) this will occupy the time of the new Viceroy undesirably (this of course is not for me to consider); (4) a Durbar will not be popular, and it will be much more costly than the last, as prices have risen so much all round and the accounts of the last were, to say the least, conveniently disposed of; (5) we ought to encourage local celebrations where the local officers meet their own people; (6) the fewer people that go home the better. If the matter waits till I come out, I can ascertain Your Excellency's views. They will, I have little doubt, be accepted. If it is decided to curtail ceremonies, the King can always say in a gracious message that this has been done out of consideration for his subjects. My experience at home confirms my view that the fewer Indians who go home the better. There is always trouble, particularly with the native soldiers. A brown population has sprung up round Hampton Court.

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To LIEUT.-COLONEL R. E. GRIMSTON, C. I. E., Offg. Inspector-General, Imperial Service Troops.

*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 16th, 1910.*

MY DEAR GRIMSTON,

I herewith return Drummond's Notes. I quite agree that only officers should be sent home this time to avoid all the scandal which attached to the deputation of Indian troops on the last occasion, and I hope the Chief will fall in with this view. I also think that there should be a full supply of British officers in charge, if the Indian officers are to be properly looked after. I do not consider that three British officers with the Imperial Service Troops will be at all too many.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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[ ENCLOSURES. ]

Memorandum by General Drummond on Imperial Service Troops being represented in the King's Coronation.  
Representation of the regular Indian Army.



FROM J. B. WOOD, Esq., Offg. Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Dept.

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*Simla, August 16th, 1910.*

MY DEAR PINHEY,

Your demi-official letter of the 10th August, regarding the Chiefs to be invited to the Coronation in June next. I understand that at present nothing more than a general idea is wanted as to the Chiefs who should be invited and the arrangements to be made for them in London. If definite and detailed recommendations are required, it will be necessary to consult Local Governments. On this understanding I would reply as follows to the enquires in your letter:—

(1) *Ruling Chiefs to be invited.*—I understand that His Majesty the King desires that all Chiefs, who are his Aides-de-Camp, should be invited. These are Gwalior, Idar, Cooch Behar, Bikaner and Rampur. In addition to these I would suggest Mysore as being the most suitable of the three 21-gun Chiefs. The Nizam would not, I think, care to visit England, and Baroda perhaps hardly deserves the compliment of an invitation. Kolhapur should, I suppose, be invited again as the premier Chief on the Bombay side. But this is a point on which the Local Government should be consulted. If a second Chief is required to represent Rajputana besides Bikaner, I would suggest Jodhpur or Kotah. Kotah would, I am sure, appreciate the honour, but Jodhpur is of course the larger, richer and more important State. It would be desirable also that a Sikh Chief should, if possible, be invited. Of these I do not think that Jind or Kapurthala will be suitable. Faridkot is a minor, and Nabha is too old. There remains Patiala. He is very young, but I hardly think that that is a reason for withholding an invitation from him, and it will be better that he should go Home as a representative Chief than as a member of a cricket team. The Chiefs I would recommend, therefore, for invitations are—*Gwalior, Idar, Cooch Behar, Bikaner, Rampur, Mysore, Kolhapur, Patiala and Jodhpur* or Kotah, or 9 in all. The number would be reduced to 8 if, as is possible, Idar felt unable to accept the invitation owing to advancing age and ill health. On the last occasion in 1902 there were only five Chiefs who attended the Coronation, *viz.*, Gwalior, Kolhapur, Jaipur, Idar and Bikaner; but it seems desirable, particularly if there is to be no Delhi Durbar, that the number should be increased on the present occasion.

I notice that in 1902 the Nizam, Udaipur, Travancore and Cochin were also invited, but were unable to accept. I suppose that they should again be invited *pro forma*, though none of them are likely to accept.

(2) As to the number of followers who should accompany each Chief; on the last occasion the number was limited to 30 for each Chief, though the actual numbers taken were in most cases considerably less. I think that the same limit should be imposed this time.

*House accommodation, servants, carriages, &c.*—On the last occasion one house and two carriages were placed at the disposal of each Chief, the cost of which was provided by Government for the period of three weeks. Government also undertook to pay the wages of any English servants provided for the same period. If any Chief wished to stay longer, he was expected to pay for all arrangements, including the rent of the house. This arrangement was, I think, suitable and may be adopted again.

(4) I have discussed with Grimston the question of the representation of Imperial Service Troops and he will send in his recommendations to you direct. I agree with him and Drummond that it will be desirable to send officers only, provided that a similar course is followed as regards the representation of the Indian Army and the Colonial forces. It would not do to have the Colonial forces fully represented, while India sent only officers.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. B. WOOD.

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To J. B. WOOD, Esq., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India in the Foreign Dept.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 16th, 1910.*

MY DEAR WOOD,

With reference to your letter of 16th instant, about invitations to the Coronation, will you kindly consult Bombay, Madras and the Punjab with regard to representative Chiefs to whom invitations might suitably be issued. I agree with you about Patiala and Kolhapur, but the Local Governments may have other views about this, and I think perhaps Travancore should be invited, though he probably won't accept.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR JAMES DUNLOP SMITH, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., Political  
A.-D.-C. to the Secretary of State for India.

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*India Office, Whitehall, S. W., August 16th, 1910.*

MY DEAR PINHEY,

Just before I left London I saw the King, who spoke to me about the Agha Khan. The India Office are waiting for the reply of the Government of India to the Secretary of State's telegram about the Coronation before taking any further action. But if a certain number of representatives come from India, I think His Majesty would like the Agha Khan to be included among them. So I thought I had better let you know for His Excellency's information.

Yours ever,  
(Sd.) J. R. DUNLOP SMITH.

FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL R. E. GRIMSTON, C.I. M., Offg. Inspector-General of Imperial Service Troops.

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*Simla, August 17th, 1910.*

MY DEAR PINHEY,

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant and the memorandum written by General Drummond previous to his departure for England, which I gave you yesterday, I am very strongly in favour of Imperial Service officers only being sent home, provided of course that it is considered desirable to pursue the same policy in the case of Indian Army representation.

2. I was on duty with the Coronation Contingent in 1902 from date of assembly at Deolali until return to India, and when in England it was difficult to find sufficient occupation for the rank and file to keep them out of mischief.

3. A small body of carefully selected officers would be much more easy to manage, and room would probably be found for them at all important functions, which, owing to the size of the contingent in 1902, it was not always found to be possible.

4. The numbers to represent Imperial Service Troops given by General Drummond may be considered sufficient, but if it is thought desirable to send a greater number, perhaps all units could be represented, or such States as Patiala, Alwar, Gwalior, Hyderabad, Mysore, Bharatpur and Kashmir, who contribute largely, and a few other specially selected States might be allowed to send two or more representatives.

5. As regards Imperial Service officers of superior rank, there are such men as Bir Bikram Singh of Sirmur and Obeidullah Khan of Bhopal and others; the former went home in 1902, and so it would be perhaps undesirable to send him again. Those specially selected could perhaps go in addition to the numbers given in General Drummond's note (there would not be many of them) and be given first class accommodation on boardship, as was done in 1902, or go home separately by P. and O., or other line.

6. The Transport and other arrangements for Imperial Service officers would be the same as for officers of the regular Army, but I would lay stress on the desirability of the camp equipage, if sent from India, going ahead.

7. In 1902 we were caught by four days very bad weather on arrival, and had to pitch our camp under very trying conditions, resulting in several cases of pneumonia and fever. It would be far better to have the officers in camp, I think, than in a hotel, if the camp can be put somewhere nearer London than Hampton Court. We (the Cavalry) had a camp pitched for a time in Fulham Palace Grounds, which was most convenient, and there would be room there for the whole Contingent, I should think, if only officers were sent.

8. At least two British officers would be necessary with Imperial Service representatives, one going ahead to make arrangements prior to arrival in England. If three officers could be sent, it would be better still, as it is so much easier to move small parties about in England than larger ones, and more individual attention would result. Recommendations under this head would be made when the general lines for the All-India representation have been laid down.

9. I think that all uniform and clothing should be taken from India, as there would be no time to have things made in England.

Should you require any further details, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. E. GRIMSTON.

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FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL R. E. GRIMSTON, C. I. E., Offg. Inspector-General of Imperial Service Troops.

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*Simla, August 17th, 1910.*

MY DEAR PINHEY,

Before the receipt of your demi-official of yesterday, I had written in reply to yours of the 10th regarding representation of Imperial Service Troops at the Coronation, and in it referred to General Drummond's memorandum, which I send herewith. It is a spare copy, so please keep it if you care to do so.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. E. GRIMSTON.

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[ ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER. ]

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[Confidential.]

*Memorandum on Imperial Service Troops being represented in the King's Coronation.*

From my experience in 1897, when I was in charge of 16 Imperial Service Cavalry officers who were present at the late Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and from what I have heard of the troops that were sent home for the Coronation of King Edward VII in 1902, I am strongly in favour of only officers being sent.

2. If each State is represented by one officer, the strength of the party proceeding home would be thirty (Kashmir sending 2), and this is what I would recommend.

3. In this case the following might be the composition of the party :—

					Cavalry.	Infantry.
Alwar	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bahawalpur	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bharatpur	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bhavnagar	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bhopal	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bikaner	...	...	...	...	...	1
Faridkot	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gwalior	...	...	...	...	1	...
Hyderabad	...	...	...	...	1	...
Indore	...	...	...	...	1	...
Jaipur	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jind	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jodhpur	...	...	...	...	1	...
Junagadh	...	...	...	...	1	...
Kapurthala	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jammu	...	...	...	...	1 (Arty.)	1
Khairpur	...	...	...	...	...	1
Maler-Kotla	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mysore	...	...	...	...	1	...
Nabha	...	...	...	...	...	1
Navanagar	...	...	...	...	1	...
Patiala	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rampur	...	...	...	...	1	...
Sirmur	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tehri	...	...	...	...	...	1
Janjira	...	...	...	...	...	1
Idar	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rutlam	...	...	...	...	1	...
Udaipur	...	...	...	...	1	...
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Thus each party would consist of 15 officers.

4. I would recommend that a British officer from amongst past or present Inspecting Officers (the former for choice) should be placed in charge of each party, and that a senior officer to both these Inspecting Officers should proceed to London at least three weeks ahead to make preliminary arrangements regarding accommodation, food, uniform, horses, saddlery, &c.

5. Indian officers should have one servant each. Thus the parties would consist of 30 officers and 30 servants, or a total of 60.

6. Arrangements should be made with a steamship company in Bombay for proper accommodation for Hindus and Mahommedans.

7. In 1897 Indian officers travelled first class.

8. Each officer should take with him full dress and undress uniform; and also what was called "Darbar" clothes, which in most instances were found to be too gaudy for daily use, and it was necessary to supply officers on their arrival in London with black frock coats.

9. Inspecting Officers in charge of each party should have ready before the senior officer leaves India, a list of all requirements, in clothing, uniform, saddlery, &c., with measurements, so that orders could be placed before the arrival of the parties. I found in 1897 that there was a great rush to get things ready before the party I was in charge of was required for escort duties, &c.

10. I am prepared to have ready in time all details as to my proposals for the keeping of accounts in England, and for a proper check on expenditure by Indian officers.

11. I think that all these officers should be mounted, that is, that the Infantry officers selected should be from the mounted ranks.

12. Arrangements for the supply of horses would be made by the senior officer, who precedes the parties. In 1897 this was done in conjunction with the Cavalry authorities at Canterbury.

13. In 1897 it was found that one officer in charge of even so small a number as 32 men had more to do than he could well carry out. There was an enormous number of engagements to fulfil, a good deal of correspondence and travelling, and it was found necessary to give him an assistant. This was done at home in 1897 by selecting officers of the Indian Army who happened to be on leave. British officers proceeding with Imperial Service Troops officers were paid their full Indian rates of pay as long as they were employed on duty with Imperial Service officers, *plus* £1 a day and free accommodation, and the passages of both British and Indian officers were paid to and from England.

14. Ruling Chiefs would of course select their own officers.

15. I think that a representative from each Corps would give too large a number, namely, 47, which with their servants would amount to a total of 94.

16. From my own experience I hope that all the preliminary arrangements for these parties will be undertaken, if possible, several months beforehand, as in 1897 the time given for preparation was far too short.

17. I would ask that, if this case is considered during my absence on leave, I may be consulted by letter at my home address, or I would ask that the case be held over till my return early in October.

(Sd.) F. H. R. DRUMMOND,

*Major-General.*

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TO THE HON'BLE MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ROBERT SCALLON, K. C. I. E., C. B.,  
D. S. O., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Army Dept.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 23rd, 1910.*

MY DEAR SCALLON,

I have seen General Grover's note. I will of course make such enquiries as may be possible as regards incidence of cost, and His Excellency will no doubt impress upon the Secretary of State the Commander-in-Chief's views on the subject. But I am to say that, whatever the cost may be and in whatever

way it may be distributed, the point at present is that troops from India will certainly have to attend the Coronation at home, and His Excellency the Viceroy has been asked to give his views generally on the subject without delay. I shall be much obliged therefore if the details referred to at the end of General Grover's note could be worked out as soon as possible on the lines suggested by the Commander-in-Chief, and on the understanding that the cost will probably not be debited to the Military Budget if this was not done on the last occasion.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

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The main point on which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief asks for information is the extent, if any, to which the military estimates are likely to be affected by the despatch of an Indian Contingent to England for His Majesty's Coronation in 1911.

2. When a large Contingent was sent in 1902, the Imperial Government accepted the entire cost of the entertainment, while in England, of the Princes, delegates, and troops, sent from India: at a cost of about 6½ lakhs.

3. On the Secretary of State subsequently suggesting an inter-departmental Conference to consider and report upon the principles that should govern the incidence of expenditure in future cases when Indian guests might be invited officially to visit England, the Government of India deprecated anything in the form of apportionment of such charges between the Home and Indian Treasuries, on the grounds that the division of the cost of entertaining Indian guests in England would not be appreciated or understood in India.

They considered that the only sound principle upon which to proceed in future would be that the whole of the guest's expenses, great or small, should be defrayed by the Government that entertains him, from the time of landing to the time of departure.

4. So far as the Indian share of extraordinary expenditure was affected, in 1902, special provision was made and the cost did not fall upon the military estimates.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief asks to be assured that in this case also the military estimates will not be affected.

5. At present, so far as it has been possible to work out an approximate idea of the detachments that would be sent, if one is sent, the proposal of His Excellency is to send only Native officers, each with a bat-man, and to detail these officers from the various classes serving in the Indian Army, the actual numbers being in proportion to the strength of each class. There would then be approximately from 100 to 150 Indian officers, with the same number of bat-men. In addition, a detachment of Volunteers (in 1902 they numbered 100) and representatives of Imperial Service Troops.

This and other details mentioned in these notes will be made out as soon as the incidence of cost can be decided.

M. H. S. GROVER,—22-8-10.

Extract from a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Sir James Dunlop Smith, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., Political A.-D.-C. to the Secy. of State for India, to Private Secy. to Viceroy, dated the August 1910.

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th July. A private telegram has now gone out to the Viceroy about the Coronation; I drafted it, but I don't know if it left in the same form in which I drafted it, but I believe it practically leaves all details in the hands of the Viceroy as to the representation of India in London next June and the functions which will be held in India.

*Extract from a letter from His Excellency the Viceroy to the Secretary of State for India, dated the 1st September 1910.*

I am collecting opinions as to the Coronation, and will let you have proposals as soon as I can. My view, so far, is against a Durbar, on grounds of expense and consequent unpopularity—there are also strong reasons against sending troops—and I am inclined to think it will be wise to limit ourselves to magnates.

FROM COLONEL D. C. F. MACINTYRE, Assistant Adjutant-General, India.

*Simla, September 6th, 1910.*

DEAR PINHEY,

I enclose a letter I have received in reply to an enquiry, on my own part, *re* the 1st Gurkha's Band. They understand quite that it is only a suggestion.

The only way it could be taken up, now that we have submitted our scheme, would be for His Excellency to include it in his suggestion to the Secretary of State. Officers who went on the last Coronation Contingent say the want of a Band at functions was much felt.

The 1st Gurkhas sent in a request the other day to be given a good representation at the Coronation on the strength of the King being their Colonel. Their Band is quite the best in India, under a German Bandmaster. It would mean the sending of some 80 more men, and this should not be difficult.

The project is my own. I would have put it before the Adjutant-General had I received a reply earlier. Perhaps therefore it may please be treated unofficially.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) D. MACINTYRE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL A. G. B. LANG, Commanding 1st Gurkha Rifles.

*Dharmasala Cantt., September 4th, 1910.*

DEAR COLONEL,

Very many thanks for yours received yesterday *re* Coronation Contingent. I have talked over the matter of the band with Ryder (who now commands the 2nd Battalion), and we are of opinion that we should like the band to go



to the Coronation, a very unique occasion. As the matter is confidential, we have not discussed the question with the other officers, and of course will not do so unless we are approached in the matter. I do not think there would be any opposition on the part of the other officers on account of the honour it would be to have our band at the Coronation; and the band itself and the regiment would, I know, appreciate the honour immensely.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. G. B. LANG.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 7th September 1910, 7 p. m. (Recd. 8th, 7-15 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Gaekwar asks me to get him an invitation. I presume no harm would be done if I gave him fair words. If anybody comes, is he not too big to be omitted from the list? What do you think?

TO THE HON'BLE MR. S. H. BUTLER, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy, of Govt. of India,  
Foreign Dept.

*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 7th, 1910.*

MY DEAR BUTLER,

Please see telegram below, which I have drafted about the Coronation. His Excellency would be glad if you would kindly look it over and offer any suggestion. A letter might follow giving further details. For instance, I would suggest the following as representative Chiefs:—*Rajputana*—Jodhpur. *Central India*—Begum of Bhopal. *Bombay*—Kolhapur. *Punjab*—Patiala. *Madras*—Travancore.

The Gurkha Band has been suggested to me privately and His Excellency thinks it is a good idea.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. S. H. BUTLER, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt of India,  
Foreign Dept.

*Simla, September 7th, 1910.*

MY DEAR PINHEY,

I have nothing to suggest. I suppose the proposals are based more or less on precedent. The Oudh Taluqdars had a man last time and will cry for one again.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) H. BUTLER.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 260, 8th September 1910, 5 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Gaekwar. Your private telegram 7th. See my telegram today about Coronation proposals generally. In my opinion an invitation should also be given to the Gaekwar.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 258, 8th September 1910, 4-45 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of 29th July. On the understanding that there will be no big and central function in India similar to the Delhi Durbar in 1903, the following is a brief outline of the general proposals for India's representation at the Coronation. As to the former, I agree that a certain Durbar would be undesirable, as impossible to compete with that on the last occasion, would involve large expenditure, and would not be popular with the Chiefs. Besides we ought to encourage local celebrations, where local officers meet their own people. I adhere to the views expressed in my private letter.

(1) *Chiefs.*—Besides five King's A.-D.-C.'s, I would suggest one representative Chief each from Rajputana, Central India, Bombay, Punjab, and Madras, about whom Local Governments are being consulted. Hyderabad and Mysore might also receive special invitations, but it is doubtful if the former would accept. This would make 12 in all, including the Nizam, each with a Political Officer in attendance and 30 followers. Chiefs should pay their own passages there and back, but should be provided with suitable houses, carriages, servants and be State guests for three weeks after arriving in London.

(2) *Representatives from British India.*—Fifteen were selected last time. I would propose 20 this time, *viz.*, one representative from each Province and Presidency Towns, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, to be selected by Local Governments with the approval of the Viceroy and seven special representatives to be selected by the Viceroy. They should be given travelling allowance to England and back and hotel accommodation for a week. Two officers, who may be at home on leave at the time, might be deputed to look after them.

(3) *Army and Imperial Service Troops.*—I am strongly of opinion that only officers of the Indian Army and the Imperial Service Troops should be sent. This would avoid troubles and scandals experienced on the last occasion. In this case I would suggest between 100 and 150 Indian officers selected from various classes serving in the Indian Army with a batman for each. The Contingent to be in charge of 17 British officers, as on the last occasion. A detachment of volunteers of, say, 100 men. Representative officers from Imperial Service Troops of, say, 15 for Cavalry and 15 for Infantry. Chiefs to select their representatives. These would have one servant each. Three British officers—one senior and two junior—should be in charge of the Contingent.

I would also suggest sending a representative band of an Indian regiment. The 1st Gurkha's band would be excellent representative, besides the King is their Colonel. This would mean about 80 men, who would probably be constantly employed.

If the above proposals are generally approved by you, I should be glad of a reply by telegraph, so that the working out of details may be commenced and then submitted to you in a despatch.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 13th September 1910, 7 p. m. (Recd. 14th, 7 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Will you please make my private telegram of July 29th and your private telegram of September 8th official, as I propose to reply to latter officially and will deal with the civil and military sides of your proposals separately. Future correspondence on the subject might proceed on these lines.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, No. 265, 15th September 1910, 2-55 p. m.

*Private.* Your private telegram of 13th instant. Coronation. I have made telegrams official as suggested.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. S. H. BUTLER, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
Foreign Dept.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 15th, 1910.*

MY DEAR BUTLER,

I am desired to send you paraphrased copies of two telegrams from and to Secretary of State *re* the Coronation which have been made official by direction of the Secretary of State, who proposes to reply officially to His Excellency's telegram of the 8th September and to deal with the two sides, military and civil, separately.

A copy of these telegrams has also been sent to Home and Army Departments.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

Resident, Hyderabad, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, Mount Abu, 20th September 1910, 8-35 a. m. (Recd. 12-15 p. m.)

Egerton thinks, and I agree, that in any case invitation should be sent to Nizam. Would it not be possible, in case of His Highness being unable to accept, to allow him to send a deputation, with Sahibzada at its head, to represent the State and to give Sahibzada special precedence as representing his father? You will remember that when Amir sent his son to England as his representative latter was given precedence which his father would have received. Nizam might demur to Sahibzada being treated as merely distinguished guest. Any arrangement whereby Sahibzada could visit England would do him, and indirectly the State, much good.

To THE HON'BLE SIR C. S. BAYLEY, K. C. S. I., Resident at Hyderabad.

*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 21st, 1910.*

MY DEAR BAYLEY,

I have received your cypher telegram about the invitation to the Nizam to the Coronation and have discussed the question with His Excellency and also with Butler. They both think that it would not be advisable for the Sahibzada to go home as the Nizam's representative and to be given the precedence which his father would have received on an occasion of this kind when there will be so many other Chiefs assembled in London. Most of these will certainly resent the position which you propose to give to the Nizam's son, and it will no doubt raise serious difficulties. His Excellency thinks that on the whole it would be better merely to send an invitation to the Nizam and to say that the invitation is in no sense a command, and that he can please himself as to whether he will accept it or not. The precedent you quote of the Amir's son going home and representing his father is hardly to the point, because he went home alone and there was no question of his taking precedence of any other Chief at big functions in London. If the Sahibzada went home alone at any time, other than the Coronation, it might be possible to treat him in the way that you propose.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 23rd September 1910, 10-10 p. m. (Recd. 24th, 10 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secy.* Coronation. Reference your telegram of the 8th September. Subject to the following remarks, I approve your proposals generally as regards Chiefs and representatives of British India:—

1. Chiefs. Baroda should be added, making 13 in all. Would it be possible, as on last occasion, to reduce followers below 30? This would not, I

Extract from a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Sir James Dunlop Smith, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., Political A.-D.-C. to the Secy. of State for India.

I found all the Coronation papers waiting for me and went into them yesterday. I had a long talk with the Secretary of State today and a telegram was to "issue" to Your Excellency this evening.

Lord Morley was most pleasant. I took the line I always take that he might safely leave the whole thing to Your Excellency, and to me he agreed, but said he has to think of the Treasury who would insist on the total expenditure being cut down, and therefore he proposed to object to the proposal to send at Gurkha Band. When asked, I told him I had no arguments in favour of tending the Band, but pointed out that, should nothing unforeseen occur, the total cost should certainly be less than that of the 1902.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

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*Foreign. Secret.* Coronation. Reference your telegram of the 8th September. Subject to the following remarks, I approve your proposals generally as regards Chiefs and representatives of British India :—

1. Chiefs. Baroda should be added, making 13 in all. Would it be possible, as on last occasion, to reduce followers below 30? This would not, I understand, be unacceptable to many of the Chiefs and would mean considerable saving here. It is suggested, as regards accommodation, that suites in hotels suitable to rank of different Chiefs might be secured instead of large houses as before. Besides saving expense, this would also be in interests of Chiefs as tending to facilitate their arrangements at the end of the three weeks, for which they are guests of Government.

2. As regards British Indian representatives, it is suggested that they should be guests of Government for same period as Chiefs on the ground that difference in treatment on last occasion caused ill-feeling. Has this been considered? I wish, as far as possible, to keep down expenditure, but that British Indian representatives should feel themselves slighted in any way would seem to be most undesirable.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 30th September 1910.

I recommend that a special invitation be sent to the Prime Minister of Nepal to be present at the Coronation, in view of the importance of openly attaching that State to us.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General,  
Central India.

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*Indore, October 6th, 1910.*

MY DEAR PINHEY,

I have today sent an official letter to the Foreign Department, forwarding a request from His Highness the Raja of Ratlam, expressing a hope that he may be invited to attend the forthcoming Coronation in London.

In forwarding the letter, Colonel Newmarch remarks :—

“In my opinion there could be no better representative of Rajput chivalry at the Coronation than His Highness the Raja of Ratlam, who, amongst the foremost and most distinguished of his race, stands as a fine type of man, a knight and a modest gentleman.”

You are yourself, I believe, well acquainted with His Highness, and will no doubt agree that he is a very good specimen of the Rajput Chief.

The rulers of the smaller States are often hardworking administrators who have much greater difficulties to contend with than more important and wealthier Chiefs, and their position enables them to preserve that personal touch with the people on the one hand and with the Government on the other, that is so valuable in the general scheme of Indian politics. They seem to me therefore to be specially worthy of consideration, and, if they are to be represented at all at the Coronation, I think the Raja of Ratlam might very suitably be selected from this Agency. I understand, however, that the matter is one entirely for His Majesty's pleasure, and I have asked the Political Agent to inform His Highness accordingly.

I gather from what I hear that there is considerable keenness on the part of the Chiefs to be present at the Coronation ceremony, and it is possible that others may make similar applications.

It would help me very much in dealing with the Chiefs on the subject to be informed, if this can be done without objection, whether any general principle of selection is to be applied and how many, if any, of the Chiefs in Central India are likely to be invited. In view of the fact that nearly all the Chiefs (except the rulers of the few big Mahratta and of the Musalman ones), and practically all the old aristocracy of Central India are Rajputs, it would certainly seem desirable—if more than one Chief is to be invited—to have one representative of that class. If, however, the number is likely to be limited to one only, on hearing from you that this is the case, I can easily discourage such applications and thus save possible disappointment.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. O'DWYER.

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TO THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, c. s. i., Agent to the Governor-General,  
Central India.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 11th, 1910.*

MY DEAR O'DWYER,

Your private letter of the 6th about the Raja of Ratlam being invited to the Coronation in London. I have known His Highness well since he was a very small boy, and I quite agree that he is a very good specimen of the Rajput Chief. At the same time I don't know if he is quite big enough to receive a special invitation, as of course only a limited number of Chiefs will be invited. We have received no definite orders yet, but the general principle is that, besides the five A.-D.-O.'s to the King, amongst whom Scindia and Bikaner will be included, Rajputana and Central India should send one representative Chief each.

Rajputana proposes to send Jodhpur, so that the Rajput generally will be well represented by two Ruling Chiefs, and I believe the Foreign Office propose that Central India should be represented by the Begum of Bhopal, who, as we know, is very anxious to receive an invitation. She and Rampur will be the only two Mahommedan Chiefs who are likely to go, and it will perhaps be a pity to reduce the number of Mahommedan Chiefs still further by substituting Ratlam for the Begum. If any of the other Chiefs, who are invited, happen to decline the invitation, it may be possible to fit in Ratlam in view of your strong representation on his behalf to the Foreign Department.

This is of course entirely for your private information, as you will no doubt hear officially on the subject from the Foreign Department. We are expecting a despatch from England on the subject within the next week or two.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

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Chief Secy., United Provinces, to Secy., Foreign Dept.

P Telegram, 15th October 1910.

Please refer to your demi-official telegram, dated the 4th October. The Nawab of Rampur is pleased with the prospect of visiting England for the Coronation and guarantees that the number of his followers will be under thirty. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor sees no objection to provision of a suite of rooms in an hotel and Nawab likes the idea; but he would prefer, if possible, a private house if his wife, who is at present ill, is well enough to accompany him.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 17th October 1910, 4 p. m. (Recd. 18th, 7-30 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Your Foreign-Secret telegram of September 30th. Prime Minister of Nepal. There is a reason for not inviting him, which a letter from me will explain.



Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 25th October 1910. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Your telegram of 23rd September last, clause two. Coronation. We agree that British Indian representatives should be guest of Government for three weeks instead of one. In connection with deputation of officers to look after the representatives, we would recommend Dr. John Pollen, now in England, as suitable person, as he was similarly employed on previous occasion. He might select an assistant in consultation with India Office. We think Dr. Pollen, or whoever is selected, might meet representatives, who do not wish to make independent arrangements for their journey to London, at Marseilles on a date to be fixed, the journey from Bombay to that port being arranged for by representatives themselves. Representatives who wish to make independent arrangements for their journey to London, will be attended to by Dr. Pollen and his assistant after arrival in London.

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FROM H. E. THE HON'BLE SIR ARTHUR LAWLEY, G. C. I. E., K. C. M. G., Governor of Madras.

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*Govt. House, Guindy, November 18th, 1910.*

[Private.]

MY DEAR LORD MINTO,

We are making our formal recommendations in the matter of possible representatives, at the forthcoming Coronation of—

1. The whole Presidency.
2. The City of Madras.

For the former certainly the most suitable would be the Maharaja of Venkatagiri.

But he is not in the best of health, and it is doubtful whether he would go.

He has a son who might have taken his place, had he been more presentable, but he would not do!

Failing Venkatagiri, then I would say Kurupam.

You know him. He is anxious to go and would not be a bad representative. I fear that he is not too well off.

Our third string is the Zemindar of Ettayapuram, whom I have recommended for the title of Raja. He is young, but has a level head, plenty of common sense and plenty of money. He is anxious to take part in public life and to recognise his responsibilities as a big landowner.

The Madras City representative is much more difficult. We have no big merchants, no influential men of commerce such as they have in Bombay. We have a multitude of small fry and no whales among the minnows.

And of the men who have attained to such eminence as selection by the Corporation for the Legislative Council bestows or—say—the appointment of Sheriff there are but few who can be said to have earned the full respect and confidence of their fellow-citizens. We cannot write *viteger bitæ* against their names. I have thought it best to put the Prince of Arcot in this category.

He is very keen to go home.

He is (socially) the leading citizen.

He is the head of the Mahomedan community.

He is a Member of the Imperial Legislative Council.

He has no interest outside the city of Madras, so could hardly represent the Presidency. Next to him the best man to represent the City would be N. Subramanyam. He is a man universally respected by both Europeans and Indians, although he is a Christian. He has been a member of the Madras Corporation for many years and is now a Member (*nominated*) of the Legislative Council.

He is, however, technically an official, being Administrator-General.

Failing these two, I would recommend P. Sundaram Iyer, the leading Vakil here—a man of very remarkable ability, moderate and temperate in his political views, and generally respected and liked. I have not thought it within my competency to sound any of these men, as to whether they are prepared to go or not. I have selected the names of those only whom I consider worthy of the honour.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) ARTHUR LAWLEY.

TO THE HON'BLE RAJA VAIRICHERA VIRABHADRA RAZU BAHADUR of  
Kurupam.

*Govt. House, Calcutta, November 19th, 1910.*

MY DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to inform you that your name will be considered when the list of representatives is being prepared. Recommendations from Madras have not yet reached the Government of India, but they will no doubt come up soon.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

FROM THE HON'BLE RAJA VAIRICHERLA VIRABHADRA RAZU BAHADUR of  
Kurupam.

*Calcutta, November 19th, 1910.*

[ Confidential. ]

MY DEAR COLONEL PINHEY,

I see in the papers today that the Government propose to depute an Indian representative for each Province at the Coronation in London. On this subject

I expressed my desire to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, through His Private Secretary, to go to London if the Government be pleased to nominate me. I herein enclose, for your private information and perusal, copy of my letter to the Private Secretary and his reply thereto. In the event of the Madras Government sending up my name to His Excellency the Viceroy, I shall deem it a great favour if you kindly place my claims before His Excellency. I was twice nominated to the Provincial Council, and am now elected to the Imperial Council by the landed aristocracy of the Madras Presidency. I therefore hope that His Excellency will duly consider my claims among the other names sent up by the Madras Government.

Thinking that you will be very busy and cannot spare time to visitors, I write this to you.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) V. VIRABHADRA RAZU.

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[ ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

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To A. Y. G. CAMPBELL, Esq., Private Secy. to the Governor of Madras.

*Waltair, November 8th, 1910.*

DEAR MR. CAMPBELL,

Will you please do me the favour of obtaining for me His Excellency the Governor's advice in a certain matter, which I am very anxious about, but regarding which I am at a loss how to proceed.

I see by the papers that representatives from the different Presidencies are to be invited to attend the Coronation of His Majesty King George in London next June, as was done at the Coronation of His late Majesty King Edward VII.

I shall deem it a great honour to be nominated by the Government, as the Maharaja Bobbili was for the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII, to represent the Madras Presidency.

Will His Excellency graciously advise me how to proceed? Should I write officially to Government, through the Chief Secretary or privately to His Excellency the Governor, offering my services, or should I keep quiet and leave it to His Excellency to nominate whom he chooses?

As His Excellency knows all about me and my qualifications, it is unnecessary for me to prefer any claims for the great honour I aspire to, and which I desire to attain without in any way infringing the official etiquette that is always observed in these matters.

I shall feel obliged by your acquainting me, as early as possible, with His Excellency's advice as to how I am to proceed, for, in the event of my being accepted by His Excellency, I shall require all the time between this and next June to make my arrangements.

I am, yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) V. VIRABHADRA RAZU.

FROM A. Y. G. CAMPBELL, Esq., Private Secy. to the Governor of Madras.

*Govt. House, Ootacamund, October 17th, 1910.*

No. C-412—1.

MY DEAR RAJA,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, I am desired to say that His Excellency has not yet been asked to nominate any representatives to attend the Coronation, and he cannot take any action on your letter until he is asked. If, and when, he is asked to select representatives he will consider your name, and it is unnecessary for you to do anything further in the matter now. His Excellency will bear your wish in mind.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. Y. G. CAMPBELL.

Resident, Mysore, to Secy., Foreign Dept.

P Telegram, 22nd November 1910.

*Demi-official.* Coronation. I am desired by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore to express his regret that he cannot conveniently attend the ceremony in England.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 24th November 1910, 0-5 a. m. (Recd. 11 a. m.)

Troops for Coronation. Your telegram of the 8th September. Your proposals have been generally approved by the King with the following modifications, *viz.* :—

Regular Army. Representatives to consist of one Native officer from each Cavalry Regiment, Infantry Battalion, group Native Mountain Batteries, Corps Sappers and Miners, and from each body-guard, together with four Native officers of Transport units and four Senior Hospital Assistants. British officers in proportion of one to ten, with the addition of Supply and Transport Corps officer and Indian Medical Service officer. Volunteers to be represented by one officer of each Indian Volunteer Corps to be detailed as far as possible from those on leave in England at the time.

Imperial Service Troops as proposed by you.

Please consider whether Native officers should be accompanied by batmen or servants. A representative Band from the Indian Army will not be required.

In addition to the British officers on duty with the contingent, the King wishes his Equerries and Aides-de-Camp sent home, *viz.*, Birdwood, Keary, Melliss, Stuart, Goulding, Grimston and Watson.

Please submit detailed proposals to me after they have been worked out.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 24th November 1910, 0-15 a. m. (Recd. 10-30 a. m.)

Troops for Coronation. My telegram of today. The King has expressed a desire that the Indian Police, and also Militia and Levies should be represented. Subject to any observations you may have to make, I am prepared to agree. Representation will presumably be on the lines approved for the Army, and Police, both civil and military, will be represented by Indians of gazetted rank in charge of British officers. Please submit proposals. Military Police could be accommodated with soldiers, but special arrangements will be necessary for civil. The British officers in charge can presumably make these.

The King also thinks it would be well that King's Regiments should send an extra representative, but His Majesty realises that this may create jealousy among other corps. The difficulty might be met if it were announced that, in the case of all King's Regiments, Subadar-Major or Resaldar-Major was to be sent home specially, and that in other respects King's Regiments will be represented by an Indian officer like the rest of the Army. The King also raises question whether the Indian officers selected should not be young men who will preserve the memory of the Coronation for many years to come in their regiments and villages. I understand it will be undesirable to depart from recognised principle of seniority, but before submitting matter to His Majesty, I should be glad of your opinion.

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Extract from a telegram from H. E. the Viceroy to Secretary of State for India, No. 320, dated the 2nd December 1910.

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We are unanimous in thinking that no Ruling Chiefs or any other representatives from India, with the exception of the King's A.-D.-C.'s and military officers representing the Army, should be invited to the Coronation. Those Chiefs, however, who happen to be in Europe, or who go to London at their own expense, should be invited to the Coronation ceremonies and treated as guests of distinction. If you concur, it is desirable that I should be able to communicate this decision to the Chiefs who had been sounded as soon as possible. There should be no announcement in England before I have had time to do this.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 20th December 1910. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* His Majesty the King's visit to India. It seems desirable before invitations are issued to publish Royal Proclamation similar to that of 1st October 1902, announcing His Majesty's intention to hold Coronation Durbar and commanding me to issue invitations on behalf of His Majesty. Proclamation should, I think, be published simultaneously in India and England. The question of date of Durbar is under consideration in consultation with Local Governments, and views of Government will be transmitted in a few days. May I meanwhile suggest that Proclamation should avoid use of words indicating that the King's presence at Durbar in India is necessary complement of Coronation in London, since future Kings might not find it possible to visit India.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to { Resident at Hyderabad (Deccan).  
Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.  
Resident in Kashmir, Sialkot.

Telegram, 25th December 1910.

It is proposed to send contingent to represent Imperial Service Troops at Coronation ceremonies in London in June next. Representatives ordinarily to consist of one Native officer from each State with one servant each, but States furnishing units of both cavalry and infantry may send a representative from each branch if they so wish. Party will be in charge of three British officers. If you see no objection, please inform <sup>Nizam</sup> ~~Maharaja~~ accordingly, and invite His Highness to nominate his representatives, whose names should be communicated to General Drummond direct.

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\* To Mysore and Kashmir.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to { Chief Secy., Punjab Govt., Lahore.  
Chief Secy., United Provinces Govt., Allahabad.

Telegram, 25th December 1910.

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Secy., Foreign Dept., to Chief Commr., N.-W. F. Province, Peshawar.

Telegram, 25th December 1910.

It is proposed that Militia and Levies and Border Military Police should be represented at Coronation ceremonies in June next. Representation will be on lines approved for Army, viz., one Native officer from each battalion with one servant. Party, which would include representatives from Baluchistan and Punjab, to be in charge of British officers in proportion of one to ten. If Chitrali scouts are included, there would be five representatives of Militia.

Representation of Border Military Police requires consideration. Probably two representatives from North-West Frontier Province would be sufficient.

Please telegraph your views with numbers and names of representatives you suggest.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to { Secy., Government of Bombay, Political Dept.  
Agent to the Govr.-General, Rajputana, Abu.  
Agent to the Govr.-General, Central India, Indore.

Telegram, 25th December 1910.

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\* To Bombay and Central India.

† To Rajputana.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to { Chief Secy., Punjab Govt., Lahore.  
A. G.-G., Baluchistan, Quetta.

Telegram, 25th December 1910.

It is proposed that Militia and Levies should be represented at Coronation ceremonies in London in June next. Representation will be on lines approved for Army, viz., one Native officer from each battalion with one servant.

If <sup>His Honour sees</sup> <sub>you see</sub> no objection, please submit proposals as regards representation of <sup>Dera Ghazi Baluch</sup> <sup>Zhob and Mekran</sup> Levy Corps. It would seem convenient to place <sup>representative</sup> <sup>representatives</sup> in charge of British officer accompanying party from North-West Frontier Province.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

\* Telegram, 28th December 1910, 4-45 p. m.

*Private.* My private telegram December 2nd and your private letter same day. I should be glad to know decision early about Chiefs and Representatives going to England for Coronation. Time is getting short and there is much to be done.

## Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 28th December 1910, 10-20 p. m. (Recd. 29th, 8-35 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of today. The King has decided that no Ruling Chief, including Aides-de-Camp, nor any civil representatives should be invited. Chiefs who come to London at their own expense will be treated as you suggest in your telegram of 2nd instant. As regards military representation, a committee consisting of Sir R. Ritchie, Sir H. Barnes, Sir D. Barr, Sir J. Dunlop Smith, and Mr. Hirtzel unanimously considers that, though military contingent, &c., would not be strictly "representatives" but persons taking part in ceremonial by command of King, yet the distinction would not be drawn by public here and in India, and the officers might regard themselves and be regarded as representatives. This in the absence of representatives of Native States and British India might, it is feared, cause great soreness and misapprehension. Consequently they recommend the elimination of the Indian Army from the ceremonial. Against this is to be set the danger, which I know the King feels strongly, that the public here, and more especially our Foreign and Colonial visitors, may misunderstand the complete absence of an Indian element. It is a difficult point, and I shall be glad to have your views as early as possible by telegraph.

Extract from a letter to Colonel Sir A. Bigge, G. C. V. O., K. C. B., dated the 29th December 1910

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2. Coronation medals. Would it not be possible to have for India the same Coronation medal as the King will distribute in England? It prevents the anomaly of people having two Coronation medals, as was the case when Curzon held his Durbar. We should require for India gold and silver medals, as it will be necessary to give gold medals to the Ruling Chiefs. The Government of India will naturally pay for the medals issued in India, and if the King agrees to this proposal, I will get my Finance Department to apply to the home authorities for the number of medals that will be required.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

\* Telegram, No. 352, 30th December 1910, 3-45 p. m.

*Private.* Your telegram of 28th instant.

I have consulted Commander-in-Chief and he assures me that the elimination of Indian Army from Coronation ceremonial would cause the greatest disappointment, as they have been counting on it and looking forward to it. He ridicules the idea of the officers regarding themselves, or being regarded here, as representing anything more than the loyalty of the Army to His Majesty.

I entirely share the views of the Commander-in-Chief. I think it is important to encourage the spirit of loyalty amongst the Native Army, and I would strongly deprecate their elimination.

As regards the omission of invitations to the King's A.-D.-C.'s for the Coronation, I think it would have an unfortunate effect. Three out of the four have told me that they are counting on going to the Coronation, and I know that one at least has actually been in negotiation for a charger in England. They are in quite a different position to any of the other Ruling Chiefs, who could have no ground for jealousy on their account, and I should be glad if that point could be reconsidered.



M. S,—

I am quite convinced that Indian officers going to the Coronation would have no desire whatever to represent other than the loyalty of the Army to His Majesty. They would resent being sent as representatives of India, if so ordered. The whole Army is already concerned about the Coronation and about who will be sent there, their hopes being founded on the last Coronation and they all know discussion on the subject has gone on. Not to send Indian officers would cause the greatest disappointment and do great harm. I most strongly deprecate such an elimination from the ceremony.

O'M. C.,—30-12-10.

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MY DEAR MAXWELL,

I forgot to add that I am quite convinced no one in India, white or black' would fail to recognise the fact that the Indian officers only represented the Army and in no way represented, or wished to represent, India.

O'M. C.,—30-12-10.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 4th January 1911, 1 p. m. (Recd. 5th, 6-30 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of 30th ultimo. Your views on both points are accepted. Aides-de-Camp presumably include Aslam Khan, and as they will be commanded and not invited, it is for consideration whether grant for travelling expenses from Indian revenues should not be made, if necessary. Treasury will only pay cost of entertainment here. As regards military representation, please see my military telegrams of November 23rd. Police and Levies will presumably be sent. Latter should be senior men carefully chosen both with an eye to presentability and as amenable to discipline.

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Extract from a letter to H. E. the Hon'ble Sir George Sydenham Clarke, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, dated the 4th January 1911.

It has been decided that no Ruling Chiefs are to be invited to the Coronation. If any of them choose to go they will be treated with honour and due respect. They decided at the India Office that no representatives of the Native Army should go, but I am fighting that as I certainly think that the Indian Army should be represented at any gathering of British and Colonial troops.

To { THE HON'BLE MR. J. B. WOOD, C.I.B., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
Foreign Dept.  
THE HON'BLE MR. A. EARLE, C.I.B., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

*Govt. House, Calcutta, January 6th, 1911.*

[Confidential.]

MY DEAR { WOOD,  
EARLE,

I am desired by His Excellency to send you the accompanying copies of telegrams\* regarding the Coronation.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. H. DUBOULAY.

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\* Telegram from S. of S., dated 28-12-10, *re* Ruling Chiefs.

Telegram to S. of S., dated 30-12-10, *re* Indian Army.

Telegram from S. of S., dated 4-1-11.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 6, 6th January 1911, 5 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of 4th.

My Council and I are of opinion that Military Representatives from India should be confined to officers of the Native Army, Imperial Service Troops and volunteers, no police nor levies being sent. I hope you will approve.

We propose to send them all to England on board a troopship and, if they care to avail themselves of it, to offer suitable accommodation to the King's Aides-de-Camp.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 8th January 1911, 3-40 p. m. (Recd. 9th, 6 A. M.)

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of 6th instant. Before replying to the King's letter, in which he expressed the wish conveyed to you in my official telegram of November 23rd that police and levies should be represented, I should like to know the reasons which led your Council and you to decide against the proposal. The reception accorded to it here was on the whole favourable.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 5, 9th January 1911, 3-25 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of 8th. The levies are considered unsuitable to send representatives to London as not sufficiently civilised. The Commander-in-Chief was strong on this point. If representatives of the military police were sent, it would be necessary to send representatives of the civil police, who have had a bad time during the last three years and who would regard themselves as slighted. If civil police were sent, it would open the door to claims of other similar civilian services to send representatives. We therefore came to the conclusion that only officers of the Native Army, Imperial Service Troops and Volunteers should be sent.

To send police would largely increase the numbers sent and the expense, and I see no reason for sending representatives of the police, while there are strong arguments in favour of sending representatives of the Indian military forces to London.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 12th January 1911 8-15 p. m. (Recd. 13th, 7 a. m.)

*Private.* Grimston. Your private telegram of 9th instant. He is not required to be present at Coronation, but if the King wants him home before Coronation to discuss Indian arrangements, Bigge will telegraph to you direct.

The Maharaja of Kapurthala asked permission of me last night to go to England this summer for the Coronation, &c. I declined to give permission and pointed out the obvious objections to his going. He agreed to let the matter drop.

14-1-11.

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Colonel Sir Arthur Bigge to Viceroy, Allahabad.

Telegram, Sandringham, 16th January 1911.

Your letter 29th December. Will inform you later about paragraph 2, but already decided only one medal will be given to those attending both Coronations. Grimston should come to England as soon as arrangements sufficiently developed to enable him to further discuss visit with King—earlier the better.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 16th January 1911, 8-55 p. m. (Recd. 17th, 8 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of 9th instant. The King agrees that Indian Police and Levies should not be represented.

To THE HON'BLE MR. J. B. WOOD, C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Government of India,  
Foreign Dept.

„ „ HON'BLE MR. A. EARLE, C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home  
Dept.

*Govt. House, Calcutta, January 18th, 1911.*

MY DEAR { WOOD,  
EARLE,

I am desired by His Excellency to send you the accompanying copies\* of telegrams regarding the Coronation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

\* Telegram to the Secretary of State, dated the 6th January.

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## Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 26th January 1911, 9-25 p. m. (Recd. 27th, 8 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secret.* The following arrangements regarding the Coronation made between us have been confirmed by His Majesty the King:—

*First.*—Except those summoned as Aides-de-Camp, no Ruling Chiefs to be invited as State guests.

*Second.*—Chiefs and persons of importance to be recommended by you coming at their own expense and in a private capacity will be given proper facilities for Coronation ceremonial, as will also suit Indians resident in England. But recommendations should be sparingly given, as accommodation at the Abbey is strictly limited.

*Third.*—Military representation, apart from Aides-de-Camp and Equerries, will consist of Native officers representing Regular Army and Imperial Service Troops with British officers in charge, together with representatives of Volunteers as already settled. Regimental Native officers of Regular Army may (see telegram of November 23rd) be accompanied by batmen, and other Native officers by servants. It will be convenient for me to know at earliest possible date the Aides-de-Camp who will be able to come. In due course please let me know Chiefs and persons of importance who will be coming. The above information should enable you to proceed with your arrangements.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 27th January 1911, 1-25 p. m. (Recd. 28th, 6 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. Please see Mr. DuBoulay's telegram of 25th January. It appears that Standards of Colonies may be carried in the Coronation procession. In that case India should be represented also, but Standard need not display regular arms. There are æsthetic objections to Star of India for design. Peacock has been proposed, but is considered unlucky in high quarters. Elephant and lotus have been mentioned, but latter might not be welcome with Mahommedans. What do you advise? I should personally like peacock, which figures in the collar of G. O. I. E., but must have ready an alternative.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 31st January 1911, 11 p. m. (Recd. 1st February, 9 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secret. Coronation.* With His Majesty the King's approval, draft of Proclamation, enclosed in Political Secretary's letter of 13th instant, has been amended as follows. In paragraph 3, after the word "desire", for rest of the paragraph substitute the words "ourselves to make known to all our loving subjects within our Indian dominions that said solemnity has so been celebrated and to call to our presence our Governors, Lieutenant-Governors and other of our officers, the Princes, Chiefs and nobles of the Native States under our protection and the representatives of all the Provinces of our Indian Empire."

In line 4 of paragraph 4 for the word "announcing" read the words "making known".

Proclamation will be formally approved on Saturday. Please let me have any remarks before that day.

Extract from a private telegram to the Secretary of State for India, No. 33, dated the 1st February 1911.

Your private telegram of 25th January. Flag.

India is in such an entirely different position to that of the Colonies that it seems unnecessary and undesirable to attempt to secure uniformity. If a flag to represent India is to be carried in a procession, I strongly urge that it should be India's official flag (see Curzon's despatch No 92 of December 11th, 1902). I deprecate the institution of a national flag for India on political grounds.

*Friday, February 3rd, 1911.*

The following Press Communiqué has been issued by the Government of India in the Home Department :—It has been decided that on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation in London, no presents from individuals in British India will be received for transmission to England. Addresses for presentation to His Majesty will only be received from individuals of high position and from public bodies, upon the recommendation of the Local Government or Administration, whose consent must, in the first instance, be obtained, and by whom they will be forwarded to the Government of India for transmission to England. The addresses must be confined to congratulatory and complimentary matter, and none will be forwarded which contain expressions of opinion on political questions, requests for favours, or allusions to topics of a controversial nature.

## Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 4th February 1911, 7-30 p. m. (Recd. 5th, 6 a. m.)

*Private.* Durbar. Flag and device for invitation cards. Your private telegram of 1st instant. I agree as to both, and have informed Garter accordingly.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 13th February 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Please refer to your telegram of the 26th January, regarding the attendance of Aides-de-Camp at Coronation. Gwalior, Rampur, Bikaner, Idar and Aslam Khan will be able to come. Cooch Behar, who is in England, will presumably make his own arrangements with you. Gwalior would like house with 10 bed-rooms, preferably near Hurlingham, but will accept any accommodation arranged for him. His suite will probably consist of 12 persons. He proposes leaving Bombay on the 8th May by the P. & O. S.S. *Arabia* arriving in London about the 24th May and leaving early in July. Bikaner takes his eldest son with him and including Colonel Wake, son's tutor, the number of staff will be about 10 with two or three followers. Any arrangement convenient to you as regards house or hotel will suit him. He will arrange accommodation elsewhere for excess number at his own cost, if the staff is found too large or inconvenient. His Highness enquires roughly the dates between which he will be a State guest in order to enable him to make arrangements for accommodation after that period. Rampur would like suitable hotel accommodation. For himself, he desires complete suite with dining and drawing-rooms, &c., for his staff 17 bed-rooms and accommodation for 12 servants. Aslam Khan requires accommodation in hotel for himself and two servants. Particulars have not as yet been received in regard to Idar.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 50, 15th February 1911, 9-40 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Please see your predecessor's telegram, 25th October 1901. I should be glad to know whether His Majesty desires instructions to be issued as regards presents from Chiefs on the same lines as in 1902.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 15th February 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* King's Coronation. Please see my telegram February 13th. Maharaja of Idar leaves Bombay by S. S. *Arabia* for London on May 6th. Followers will not exceed five. He would like to be accommodated in London till end of June in same hotel as Maharajas of Bikaner and Gwalior, unless they are being accommodated in hotel outside London, in which case His Highness would prefer Alexandria Hotel, Hyde Park.

## Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 21st February 1911, 3-50 p. m. (Recd. 22nd, 8 a. m.)

*Private.* Durbar. Your private telegram of the 15th instant. The King tells me that he desires that no presents should be given. This should apply to Coronation as well as Durbar. You will know how, and at what time, it would be best to make this known.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 23rd February 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Coronation contingent. Our Army despatch, forwarding complete scheme, is going Home by an early mail. Meanwhile we request sanction by telegraph to send the Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General, the Supply and Transport Officer and another officer of the contingent in advance to England to enable necessary arrangements to be completed before arrival of contingent. They will proceed by the last transport of the season.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 25th February 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram of 11th February. Troops, Coronation. Wooden floored tents on proposed scale suitable, but double fly once recommended to avoid damage to full dress uniform in case of heavy rain. Tentage for small stationary hospital, officers' mess, offices for Commandants, Regular troops, Imperial Service Troops and Volunteers also necessary. Contingent, Regulars, number 24 British officers, 221 Indian officers, 4 British subordinates, 218 batmen, 1 Indian clerk, 55 public followers, 27 servants. Contingent, Imperial Service Troops, number 3 British officers, 34 Indian officers, 37 servants. Storage room necessary for food, supplies, 700 cubic feet approximately.

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## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 69, 1st March 1911, 6-30 p. m. (Despd. for Army Dept.)

Please see last portion of your telegram, dated 26th January 1911. Following Indian Army Aides-de-Camp and Equerries will attend Coronation:—Birdwood, Keary, Melliss, Stewart, Watson and Grimston. A recommendation will be made in due course for a Volunteer officer to succeed Goulding as Aide-de-Camp, as he retired on 2nd January last.



Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 6th March 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram, dated 25th February. Coronation contingent. Arrangements being made to send Commandant, with one Staff Officer and Supply and Transport Officer, by last transport.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 8th March 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Please refer to my telegram, dated the 13th ultimo. Aslam Khan proceeds in troopship to England with Army Contingent. On the 6th May Bikaner will sail from Bombay. Rampur sails from Bombay by the P. & O. steamer *Egypt* on May 20th, and will reach Marseilles about 3rd June. Can you let me know on what date the Aides-de-Camp should arrive in England, and also the dates between which they will be State guests?

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 9th March 1911, 2-20 p. m. (Recd. 10th, 6 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation. The Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge asks whether Honorary Degrees should be conferred on any distinguished Indian guests to Coronation. Have you any recommendations to make in respect of any Aides-de-Camp or other Chiefs? Cambridge and other British Degrees have already been received by some of them.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 10th March 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

We should be glad to be informed when Indian Coronation Contingent should arrive in England.

TO THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR A. H. McMAHON, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.,  
Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

*Govt. House, Calcutta, March 10th, 1911.*

MY DEAR McMAHON,

Please see the accompanying copy of a private telegram from the Secretary of State about honorary Degrees. His Excellency will be glad if you will have the matter considered in the Foreign Department.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 13th March 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Coronation. Idar Maharaja has arranged for accommodation from May 21st till June 9th in Alexandra Hotel, and would prefer, unless Government propose to provide for him elsewhere, to stay there also during period he is Government guest.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 14th March 1911, 10-15 p. m. (Recd. 15th, 6 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 10th March. Coronation contingent should arrive between following dates :—10th June and 15th June.

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TO THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COL. SIR A. H. McMAHON, K. C. I. E., C. S. I., Secy.  
to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

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*Govt. House, Calcutta, March 18th, 1911.*

MY DEAR McMAHON,

His Excellency has received a telegram from home asking for a very urgent reply about the question of the Honorary Degrees which the Cambridge University propose to give to some of the Chiefs visiting England at the time of the Coronation. Will you kindly have the matter expedited as much as possible? The Viceroy has received a good many reminders from the Secretary of State during the last week on various topics, and is a little bit worried at it.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 95, 19th March 1911, 4-40 p. m. (Despd. for Foreign Dept.)

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of March 9th. I recommend that Cambridge Honorary Degrees be conferred upon Nawab of Rampur, Maharaja of Bikaner and, if eligible, on the Begum of Bhopal. I have consulted the local authorities concerned.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 20th March 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Indian Coronation Contingent. We recommend that Battalions of Indian Infantry serving in the Colonies should be represented by an Indian officer each. We should be glad to be informed by wire whether this is approved. Matter very urgent as one of the regiments proceeding on Colonial service is due to sail on 25th March and will have to leave an officer behind to proceed with Contingent to England, if our proposal be approved.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 20th March 1911, 8-40 p. m. (Recd. 21st, 7 a. m.)

Coronation. I am informed that the King has expressed surprise that the names of his Indian Orderly officers and of British officers, detailed for duty with Indian Contingent at Coronation, have appeared in the Press before submission to His Majesty. The former were in Indian newspapers received a week before Colonel Wilson's letter to Sir James Dunlop Smith. The latter in *Times* of March 13th. Your Excellency and Chief will agree with me as to desirability of keeping all details of Coronation arrangements secret, until communicated and, if necessary, approved by King. For the purpose please issue any orders that may be requisite.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 21st March 1911, 8-55 p. m. (Recd. 22nd, 6 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Please see your telegram of March 8th. From June 10th to June 30th, Aides-de-Camp will be regarded as State guests at His Majesty's Coronation. Do you agree to their being provided with houses or hotel suites rent free, including rates and taxes, but otherwise at their own expense for the whole period—probably about three months on the average—for which they are taken? Please telegraph reply.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 22nd March 1911, 8-40 p. m. (Recd. 23rd, 7 a. m.)

My telegram, dated 20th March. Please see paragraphs *Pioneer Mail*, 24th February and 3rd March, regarding representation of Indian Army by four General Officers at Coronation in London, and telegraph whether there is any foundation for such statements, as such representation not included in arrangements, approved by His Majesty.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 22nd March 1911, 8-40 p. m. (Recd. 23rd, 7 a. m.)

Please telegraph names of British officers proposed for duty with Indian contingent for Coronation; also please send by post, as early as possible, names of Volunteer officers for Coronation.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 23rd March 1911, 8-30 p. m. (Recd. 24th, 8 a. m.)

Please telegraph names of General Officers, including Brigade Commanders, Indian Army, and Surgeon-Generals, Indian Medical Service, who will probably be on leave in this country at the time of Coronation.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 23rd March 1911, 5-25 p. m. (Recd. 24th, 8 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 20th March. Indian regiments serving out of India should be represented at Coronation in the same way as other Indian units. Representatives should join contingent in India.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 100, 28th March 1911, 4 p. m. (Despd. for Army Dept.)

Please see your telegram, dated 20th March. On former occasion selections for appointment of King's Indian Orderly officers were made by Commander-in-Chief and the names sent demi-officially to the Political A.-D.-C. at India Office by the Military Secretary to Commander-in-Chief. This procedure was followed this year.

As regards British officers for Indian Coronation Contingent, the selections were made in this country as on occasion of the last Coronation, and as the leave season was imminent, it was considered advisable to warn officers at once. We greatly regret that action taken has been inadvertently at variance with His Majesty's wishes, and instructions have been issued that, until we hear from you that they have been approved, all arrangements are to be kept secret.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 28th March 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Honorary Degrees for Maharaja of Bikaner and Nawab of Rampur. Please see your telegram, dated the 20th instant. His Highness the Nawab of Rampur and His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner accept, with great pleasure, the offer of Honorary Degrees to be conferred on them, and request that their thanks may be conveyed to both the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 29th March 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Accommodation for Aides-de-Camp during Coronation in London. Please see your telegram of 21st instant. Provided that the Home Government will bear entire cost, I agree.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to { Chief Secy. to Govt., Bombay.  
Agent to Govr.-Genl., Central India.  
Agent to Govr.-Genl., Rajputana.  
Chief Commr., N.-W. F. Province.  
Chief Secy. to Govt., United Provinces.

P Telegram, 29th March 1911.

No. 220-S. His Majesty's Coronation. Please inform Maharaja of Idar  
Maharaja of Gwalior  
Maharaja of Bikaner  
Sir Aslam Khan  
Nawab of Rampur that  
Aides-de-Camp will be treated as State guests from June 10th to June 30th.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 29th March 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram, dated 22nd March. Following are names of British officers selected to accompany Indian Coronation Contingent:—

*First—Staff.*—

Colonel Tighe, 56th Punjabi Rifles (Frontier Force), Commandant.

Major Daunt, 39th King George's Own Central India Horse, Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General.

Captain Villiers-Stuart, 55th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force), Adjutant.

Major Hallowes, Supply and Transport Corps, Supply and Transport Officer.

Captain Kerans, I. M. S., Medical Officer.

*Second—Commanding Officers.—*

Lieutenant-Colonel Low, 9th Hodson's Horse, Commanding Cavalry.

Colonel Beynon, 2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles, 1st Battalion, Commanding Infantry.

Captain Corrie, 23rd Peshawar Mountain Battery, Commanding Royal Artillery.

Captain Tylden-Pattenson, R. E., Commanding Royal Engineers.

*Third—Doing Duty Officers, Cavalry.—Four.*

Major Stotherd, 30th Lancers.

Captain Egerton, 23rd Cavalry.

„ Lambert, 29th Lancers.

Lieutenant Kreyer, 28th Light Cavalry.

*Infantry.—Twelve.*

Major Thomas, 44th Merwara Infantry.

„ Hill, 15th Ludhiana Sikhs.

„ Bailey, 104th Wellesley's Rifles.

„ Climo, 24th Punjabis.

Captain McWatters, 81st Pioneers.

„ Morris, 82nd Punjabis.

„ Cloete, 92nd „

Lieutenant Pope, 1st Brahmans.

„ Griffith, 2nd Queen's Own Rajput Light Infantry.

„ Berryman, 39th Garhwal Rifles, 2nd Battalion.

„ Ussher, 129th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis.

„ Lecky, 119th Infantry.

Names of volunteer officers follow by post.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 29th March 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram, March 13th. Idar. Maharaja desires customs facilities in connection with visit to London for Coronation. He will reach Marseilles 20th May in S. S. *Arabia* and proceed direct overland. Following accompany Maharaja:—(1) Maharaj Kunwar Daulat Singhji, (2) Ram Singh, Aide-de-Camp, (3) Thakur Jagat Singh, (4) Babu Umrao Singh, Private Secretary. Rao Raja Narpal Singhji, now in England, will join Maharaja on arrival.

FROM H. E. THE HON'BLE SIR ARTHUR LAWLEY, G. C. I. E., K. C. M. G., Governor of  
Madras.

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Govt. House, Ootacamund, April 30th, 1911.

[ Private. ]

MY DEAR LORD HARDINGE,

I am beset by enquiries from all sorts and conditions of men regarding the degree to which and the manner in which the Coronation of His Majesty on June 22nd is to be recognised and celebrated in this country. The only thing which is apparently decided, and definitely decided, is that on that day services will be held in all the churches.

The Bishop has shown me the form of service which has been decided on. Whatever else is settled, I do hope we may be allowed to *time* our various events to suit local conditions. At this time of year you may say with certainty that the morning will be gloriously fine and that during the afternoon heavy storms will fall. In the plains only the very early morning and the late evening are possible. The best time for any show or church service at Ootacamund is any time from 10 A. M. to noon. Those hours of course are impossible in the plains!

Last year when the King died our Proclamation ceremony was entirely spoilt by torrents of rain, because it *had* to be at 5 P. M. The morning had been beautifully fine.

For us of course June 22nd is an almost impossible day. It is almost 1,000 to 1 that we shall then be in the middle of the first burst of the monsoon, and if it behaves as it ought to behave, we shall have a tearing wind and torrents of rain for days and nights at a stretch when any out-of-door "ceremony" or "show" is out of the question! In Madras and on the East Coast, on the other hand, the heat will be terrific and every soul who can will have run away.

In the whole Presidency we have only the tiniest handful of soldiers dotted about hundreds of miles apart, and without troops anything effective in the way of a display is impossible of achievement.

I cannot help hoping that we may be allowed to concentrate our efforts in India on the Durbar and at the Durbar season on local festivities, limiting our efforts in June to salutes, the church service and a State Dinner or Levée.

The weather is such an insuperable difficulty to us in Southern India at the end of June.

If I might have a telegram telling me what—generally speaking—the orders are to be, I shall be uncommonly grateful. Time is running short!

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) ARTHUR LAWLEY.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 31st March 1911, 5-5 p. m. (Recd. 1st April, 11 a. m.)

Your telegram dated 29th March. Coronation. Names of officers to accompany Imperial Service Troops not included. Please telegraph names as quickly as possible.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 1st April 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram, dated 23rd March. Stevenson, Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, and following General Officers, Indian Army, will probably be at Home on leave at the time of Coronation :—Barrow, Nixon, Pearson, Bradshaw, Hastings, Phayre, Fasken, Mackenzie-Kennedy, Ramsay, Herbert, Davison, Younghusband, Cookson, Pirie, Carnegie, Gastrell, Keary, Melliss.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 1st April 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram, dated March 23rd. Arrangements have been made for all Indian regiments serving out of India to be represented at Coronation.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

\* Telegram, 1st April 1911, 7-20 p. m. (Recd. 2nd, 10 a. m.)

Paragraph 1 of your despatch No. 48, dated March 9th. Your telegram of March 29th. I presume that you understand that regular Army, Volunteers and Imperial Service Troops, composing Coronation Contingent, should all be under the command of an officer of regular Army, and none under separate and independent commands, and I understand that you nominate Colonel Tighe to command the whole contingent. Please telegraph reply, as names have to be submitted to His Majesty early, and inform me if I may expect Colonel Tighe by last transport. I will communicate with you later regarding details of above despatch.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 4th April 1911, 9-20 p. m. (Recd. 5th, 8 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation ceremony in London What officers on the active list of all branches of the civil administration, who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation, do you recommend should receive seats in Abbey?



**Viceroy to Secretary of State.**

\* Telegram, No. 3, Camp Quetta, 5th April 1911, 8-30 p. m.

*Private.* Your private telegram of April 4th. Seats in Abbey for Indian officers. I will send a list as soon as possible.

	{	Private Secy. to Governor, Bombay.
		" " Madras.
		" " Lieut.-Govr., Burma.
Private Secy. to Viceroy to	{	" " Punjab.
		" " United Provinces.
		" " Bengal.
		" " E. B. & Assam.
		Chief Commr.. Central Provinces.

\* Telegram, 6th April 1911, 7 a. m.

Following telegram has been received by the Viceroy from the Secretary of State:—

*Begins. Private.* What officers on the active list of all branches of the civil administration, who will be on leave in England at the time of Coronation, should receive seats in Abbey for the Coronation ceremony. *Ends.*

Please supply requisite list for your <sup>Province</sup>~~Administration~~ giving names and rank of officers <sup>His Excellency</sup>~~His Honour~~ would recommend. The Viceroy thinks it unnecessary to apply for seats for any one who does not hold rank equivalent to that of the head of a department.

TO THE HON'BLE	LIEUT.-COL. SIR A. H. McMAHON, K. C. I. E., C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.
"	" SIR L. M. JACOB, K C S I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Public Works Dept.
"	" MR. J. S. MESTON, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finance Dept.
"	" MR. J. B. BRUNYATE, C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Finance Dept.
"	" MR. A. EARLE, C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.
"	" MR. L. C. PORTER, Secy. to the Govt. of India, Education Dept.
"	" MR. B. ROBERTSON, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, C. & I. Dept.
"	" MR. J. M. MACPHERSON, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Legislative Dept.
"	" MR. E. D. MACLAGAN, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Rev. & Agrl. Dept.
"	R. F. C. VOLKERS, Esq., Secretary, Railway Department.

Viceroy's Camp, April 7th, 1911.

MY DEAR \_\_\_\_\_,

His Excellency has received following from Secretary of State:—

*Begins. Private.* What officers on the active list of all branches of the civil administration, who will be on leave in England at the time of Coronation, should receive seats in Abbey for the Coronation ceremony. *Ends.*

I am asking Local Governments for the recommendation, saying that His Excellency thinks it unnecessary to ask for seats for anyone who does not hold rank equivalent to that of the Head of a Department, and I am to ask you to supply a similar list (giving names and rank) for officers under the Department.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 7th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Your telegram March 31st. Army Department. Coronation. Officers accompanying Imperial Service Troops are Majors M. H. Henderson and J. F. Finnis, former in charge of Cavalry and latter of Infantry. General Drummond proceeds fortnight in advance to make preliminary arrangements for party, and will be in charge of Imperial Service Troops Contingent on arrival in England.

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Lieut.-Govr., Bengal, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 7th April 1911.

Your telegram of the 6th April. Following officers from Bengal will be on leave in England at time of Coronation and are recommended by me to be given seats in the Abbey :—the Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. W. Brett, C. S. I., Judge of the High Court, Mr. W. C. Macpherson, C. S. I., Member of the Board of Revenue, Mr. D. J. Macpherson, C. I. E., Commissioner of Division.

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Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr., United Provinces, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 7th April 1911.

Your private telegram of the 6th instant. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces recommends for seats in the Abbey at the Coronation the following officers in civil employ, of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, who will be on leave :—Justice Griffin, High Court of Allahabad; Baillie, Member of Board of Revenue; Holms, Additional Member of Viceregal Council and Commissioner; Trethewy, Inspector-General of Police; Goumet, Chief Engineer; Lieutenant-Colonel Mactaggart, Inspector-General of Prisons; Partridge, Commissioner; House, Opium Agent; Wright, Legal Remembrancer and Member of Council, Council of Lieutenant-Governor; Stedman, Inspector-General of Registration and Member of Council, Council of Lieutenant-Governor; and Venerable Archdeacon Clarke: eleven in all.

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Lieut.-Govr., Eastern Bengal and Assam, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, Dacca, 7th April 1911, 6-10 p. m. (Recd. 8th, 10 a. m.)

Your telegram of the 6th April. Reference to seats in the Abbey. His Honour recommends Messrs. Lyon, Member of the Board of Revenue, Nathan officiating Chief Secretary and Kershaw, Financial Secretary.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. R. H. CRADDOCK, C. S. I., Chief Commr., Central Provinces.

Camp, April 7th, 1911.

No. C.-127.

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

In reply to your telegram of yesterday, I send, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy, the following list of officers on the active list in all branches of the Civil Administration in these provinces who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation.

*Central Provinces.*

- (1) Mr. M. W. Fox-Strangways, C. S. I., I. C. S., Financial Commissioner.
- (2) Mr. J. A. C. Skinner, I. C. S., lately officiating Additional Judicial Commissioner.
- (3) Mr. B. P. Standen, C. I. E., I. C. S., lately Chief Secretary.
- (4) Mr. Shankar Madho Chitnavis, U. C. S., lately officiating Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
- (5) Mr. A. B. Napier, I. C. S., lately officiating Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
- (6) Mr. A. F. Gradon, Conservator of Forests, First Class.
- (7) Mr. S. C. Hill, Director of Public Instruction.
- (8) Mr. H. A. Playfair, Deputy Inspector-General of Police.

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Mr. F. W. A. Prideaux, District and Sessions Judge.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. H. CRADDOCK.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 8th April 1911, 6-20 p. m. (Recd. 9th, 9. m.)

Your telegram of the 13th March. Coronation. Please inform His Highness the Maharaja of Idar, with regret, that rooms at hotel cannot be obtained.

Private Secy., Lieut.-Govr., Bombay, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 8th April 1911.

Your telegram of the 6th April. Coronation in London. Fourteen officers of rank of a Head of Department will be in England at that time, 12 of them are married. His Excellency the Governor of Bombay recommends that seats be allotted to all of these. List follows by post.

Private Secy., Lieut.-Governor, Punjab, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Lahore, 8th April 1911.

Your telegram of the 6th April. Following Punjab officers of or above the rank of Head of a Department will be on leave at the time of the Coronation and might be given seats in Abbey if space is available:—Mr. Justice Robertson; Mr. A. Williams, late officiating Judge of the Chief Court of the Punjab; Mr. Fenton, Chief Secretary; Lieutenant-Colonel Davies, Commissioner; Lieutenant-Colonel Parsons, Commissioner; Mr. Fagan, Commissioner; and Mr. Gracey, Legal Remembrancer.

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FROM J. E. B. HOTSON, Esq., Private Secy. to H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

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*Govt. House, Bombay, April 8th, 1911.*

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

In continuation of my telegram of today and in further reply to your telegram of the 6th instant, I send you the following list of the officers of the rank of Head of Department who will be in England at the time of the Coronation. I am desired by His Excellency to say that he hopes that seats will also be reserved for the wives of these officials. Since I sent the telegram, I have learned that one officer intends to curtail his leave and will be back in India before the date of the Coronation. That reduces the number to 13 and 11 ladies.

I am to add that, although the Government of Bombay, in the exercise of the discretion left to them by the Resolution of the Government of India in the Finance Department, No. 5525-Ex., dated 19th November 1909, have ruled that all District and Sessions Judges are to be considered Heads of Departments for the purposes of the Civil Service Regulations, those of them who are likely to be in England in June have not been included in this list, except Mr. L. C. Crump, who is also qualified as a Secretary to Government and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

On the other hand, Mr. F. G. Pratt has been included, for, although he is only a Collector, he has been acting continuously as Settlement Commissioner since 22nd April 1909, and will almost certainly be confirmed in that post when a vacancy occurs in a few months. Similarly Mr. W. H. Lucas has been included as lately Acting Commissioner in Sind and Chief Secretary-designate.

The names are—

(Married) Mr. W. W. Drew, I. C. S., Commissioner of Customs, &c.

( Ditto ) The Hon'ble Mr. J. J. Heaton, I. C. S., Judge of the High Court.

- ( Ditto ) The Hon'ble Mr. M. O. Gibb, I. C. S., Commissioner, S. D.  
 (Wife, an invalid—has grown up daughters) Mr. R. P. Barrow, I. C. S.,  
 Commissioner, N. D.
- (Married) Mr. O. H. A. Hill, C. S. I., I. C. S., Agent to the Governor in  
 Kathiawar.
- ( Ditto ) The Hon'ble Mr. F. G. Pratt, I. C. S., Acting Settlement  
 Commissioner, Inspector-General of Registration, &c.
- ( Ditto ) Mr. L. S. Osmaston, Conservator of Forests, N. C.  
 Mr. W. H. Lucas, I. C. S., lately Acting Commissioner in  
 Sind.
- ( Ditto ) Mr. L. O. Crump, I. C. S., First Grade Judge, Secretary to  
 Government, Legal Department, and Remembrancer of  
 Legal Affairs.
- ( Ditto ) Surgeon-General H. W. Stevenson (The Hon'ble), Surgeon-  
 General with the Government of Bombay.
- ( Ditto ) Mr. H. F. Beale, M. I. C. E., Superintending Engineer, Indus,  
 Left Bank.
- ( Ditto ) Mr. F. L. Sprott, Superintending Engineer and Chairman,  
 Bombay Port Trust.
- ( Ditto ) Mr. W. H. Michael, I. C. S., Accountant-General, Bombay.

Mr. Michael of course is not an officer of the Government of Bombay but His Excellency thinks it right to bring to the notice of the Government of India the fact that he will be in England in June.

As I have said, His Excellency is prepared to recommend all the above officers for seats, but there is one consideration to which he is inclined to attach considerable weight in the event of the accommodation in the Abbey being insufficient to allow of seats being given to all, and that is that those who will not be present at the Coronation Durbar at Delhi should be given preference in London over those who will be present. Of those named in the above list, Messrs. Drew, Heaton, Barrow, Hill, Pratt, Lucas and Surgeon-General Stevenson will in all probability be at Delhi, besides Mr. Michael.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. E. B. HOTSON.

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FROM THE HON'BLE COLONEL SIR A. H. McMAHON, K. C. I. E., C. S. I., Secy. to  
 the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

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*Viceroy's Camp, April 8th, 1911.*

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

I send you herewith a list of Political Officers of the rank of Resident and Political Agent, 1st grade, who will be on leave in England during the Coronation.

A Political Agent, 1st grade, draws Rs. 2,250, and should, I think, rank as Head of a Provincial Department for purposes of seats in the Abbey.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd. A. H. McMAHON.

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[ ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER. ]

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RESIDENT, 1ST CLASS.  
The Hon'ble Mr. S. M. Fraser, C. I. E.

RESIDENT, 2ND CLASS.  
Mr. C. E. F. Bunbury, C. S. I.

RESIDENTS, 3RD CLASS.  
Mr. A. Williams.  
Lieut.-Colonel C. Archer, C. I. E.  
Major C. B. Rawlinson, C. I. E.

POLITICAL AGENTS, 1ST CLASS.

Mr. O. V. Bosanquet, C. I. E.  
Lieut.-Colonel L. S. Newmarch  
Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Chenevix-Trench, C. I. E.  
Mr. J. B. Wood, C. I. E.

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Private Secy., Governor of Madras, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 9th April 1911.

*Private.* Your private telegram of the 6th instant. Governor recommends following high officials, who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation, should be invited to Abbey for ceremony:—Arnold White, Chief Justice; Benson, Wallis, Miller, Munro and Sankara Nair, Puisne Judges of the High Court of Madras; Weir and Castle-Stuart, Members of Board of Revenue; Meyer, Chief Secretary; Wynch, Secretary, Local and Municipal Department; Bourne, Director of Public Instruction; Wilson, Chief Engineer; Cowie, Inspector-General of Police; Horne and Clegg, Officiating Members of Board of Revenue.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. E. D. MACLAGAN, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
Revenue and Agricultural Department.

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*Simla, April 10th, 1911.*

D.-O. No. 908.

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

In reply to your demi-official letter of the 6th April, I enclose a list of heads of Departments under this Department who will be at home on leave at the time of the Coronation. In case he is not mentioned by the United

Provinces Government, I may also note that Sir John Miller, K. C. S. I., late Hon'ble Member in this Department, is also at home on leave.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) E. D. MACLAGAN.

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[ ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER. ]

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*List of Officers who will be at Home on Leave at the time of Coronation.*

Colonel F. B. Longe, C. B., R. E., A -D -O, Surveyor-General of India.

Mr. J. Mollison, M. R. A. C., C. S. I., Inspector-General of Agriculture in India.

Colonel H. T. Pease, M. R. C. V. S., C. I. E., Inspector-General, Civil Veterinary Department.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. J. M. MACPHERSON, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
Legislative Dept.

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*Simla, April 10th, 1911.*

D.-o. No. 264.

MY DEAR DUBOULAY.

Your note of the 6th instant. There is no officer holding any appointment such as that referred to in your letter serving under the Legislative Department for whom a ticket in Westminster Abbey will be required.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. M. MACPHERSON.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. B. ROBERTSON, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
C. & I. Dept.

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*Simla, April 10th, 1911.*

D.-o. No. 2561-Gen.

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

Your demi-official letter of April 6th.

The only officer under this Department who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation, whose case need be considered, is R. A. Gambel, Commissioner of the Northern India Salt Revenue. He is the head of a special establishment which is treated as a Department. His pay is Rs. 2,500.

T. D. Berrington,\* late Director-General of Telegraphs, is on leave preparatory to retirement, and may be held to have definitely severed his connection with India. In my opinion he should not count.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) B. ROBERTSON.

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\*He went on two years' leave in December 1909, and definitely pledged himself to retire at the end of it.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. J. B. BRUNYATE, C. I. E., Joint Secy., Mily. Finance Dept.

*Simla, April 10th, 1911.*

D.-o. No. 410-E.

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

In reply to your enquiry about officers who are to receive seats in the Abbey for the Coronation ceremony, we have no department under our branch of the Finance Department except the Military Accounts Department, the head of which, Colonel B. W. Marlow, I. A., will not be in England on leave at that time. Our list is therefore blank.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. B. BRUNYATE.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. A. EARLE, C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

*Simla, April 10th, 1911.*

D.-o. No. 270-Pub.

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

In reply to your demi-official letter, dated the 6th April, I am desired to say that the only officer serving under, or in direct connexion with, this department, who will be on leave at the time of the Coronation, and who is of the status suggested by His Excellency, is Mr. Justice Brett of the Calcutta High Court. His name may, therefore, be included.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. EARLE.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. L. C. PORTER, Secretary to the Govt. of India,  
Education Department.

*Simla, April 10th, 1911.*

DEAR DUBOULAY,

Your demi-official of 6th April. The only officer under the Department of Education answering to the definition is Mr. J. H. Marshall, C. I. E., Director-General of Archæology in India. He proceeded on combined leave for 19 months on 30th April 1910.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) L. PORTER.



**Lieut.-Governor, Burma, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.**

**\* Telegram, Maymyo, 11th April 1911. (Recd. 12th.)**

No. 23. In reply to your telegram of the 6th April, I recommend the following officers on active list of civil administration, who will be on leave in England at time of Coronation should receive seats for the Coronation ceremony:—Sir Charles Fox, Chief Judge of the Chief Court of Burma; N. G. Cholmeley, W. H. A. St. John Leeds, O. C. Lewis, Commissioners of Division; L. H. Saunders, Officiating Commissioner of a Division; W. F. Rice, Chief Secretary; G. F. Arnold, Revenue Secretary; H. M. S. Mathews, Commissioner of Settlements and Land Records; L. M. Parlett, Divisional Judge, recently acting Additional Judge of the Chief Court of Burma; H. E. Chappel, Director of Telegraphs; E. R. Jardine, Postmaster-General; M. Hill, Officiating Chief Conservator of Forests; Major C. E. Bowen(?), Sanitary Commissioner; and C. C. S. Clark, Officiating Chief Engineer.

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**FROM THE HON'BLE SIR T. R. WYNNE, K. C. I. E., President, Railway Board.**

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*Simla, April 11th, 1911.*

**MY DEAR DUBOULAY,**

Yours of the 6th April. The only officers belonging to railways who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation, and whose rank would approach that of a Head of a Department, are—

Colonel C. A. R. Browne, Manager of the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

Mr. R. C. Dyson, Engineer-in-Chief of the North-Western Railway.

• Mr. W. A. Johns, C. I. E., Engineer-in-Chief of the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway and lately officiating Manager of that line.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) T. R. WYNNE.

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**FROM THE HON'BLE SIR LIONEL JA 'OB, K. C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
Public Works Dept.**

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*Simla, April 11th, 1911.*

**DEAR DUBOULAY,**

I write to say that, as the Hon'ble Mr. Carlyle is on a tour in the hills, I have been unable to consult him on the subject of your demi-official letter of the 6th instant.

2. The only officers immediately under the orders of this Department, who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation, are—

- (1) Mr. J. Begg, Consulting Architect to the Government of India; and
- (2) Mr. J. W. Meares, Electrical Adviser to the Government of India.

I think the Consulting Architect might be ranked as a Head of a Department in virtue of his position in the Warrant of Precedence, *viz.*, No. 62 in the third class. The Electrical Adviser does not appear in the current Warrant, and will probably be ranked with Superintending Engineers of the 2nd or 3rd class in the revised Warrant. I would not therefore rank him as a Head of a Department for the purposes mentioned in your letter under reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) LIONEL JACOB.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

\* Telegram, 12th April 1911.

*Foreign.* Coronation. Maharajas of Gwalior and Bikaner desire customs facilities at Marseilles, where they will arrive about 20th May. Gwalior will be accompanied by staff of six and four servants. He has been instructed to communicate requisite information direct to Political Aide-de-Camp, giving at least 10 days' notice of any intended journey after disembarkation in course of which he wishes to receive customs facilities.

Bikaner, who is accompanied by party of nine and three servants, will stay day in Paris and arrive in London 22nd May, *via* Calais and Dover. He desires customs facilities at Dover. Letters giving details as to persons accompanying Chiefs follow by Secretary's letter.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 12th April 1911, 9-40 p. m. (Recd. 13th, 11-30 a. m.)

Coronation Contingent. Your Army Despatch No. 48, dated the 9th March. Despatch and scheme have been submitted to His Majesty, who approves proposals subject to following modifications:—

- (1) Only those Indian officers of Imperial Service Troops holding honorary rank in Army to be treated as British officers for travelling purposes, remainder to be treated as Indian officers of Regular Army.

- (2) The officer of Native Indian Land Forces should be employed as orderly officer to Command instead of Indian officer from Contingent as proposed in paragraph 3 of scheme.

(3) Proposals to send two Honorary Indian Lieutenants and two A.-D.-C's. to Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief and a retired Indian officer as Personal Assistant to Colonel Tighe are not approved.

(4) His Majesty does not approve representation of Indian Army Headquarters and Royal Indian Marine proposed in paragraph 5 of your despatch, as he considers arrangements already sanctioned adequate. The services of one or two General Officers may however eventually be required.

(5) Three weeks considered sufficient for duration of stay.

(6) Regular Army, Volunteers and Imperial Service Troops must form one contingent, of which His Majesty has approved of Colonel Tighe as Commandant. With reference to your Foreign Department telegram of April 7th, no officer senior to Tighe can be in separate charge of Imperial Service Troops.

(7) His Majesty wishes 127th Baluchistan Light Infantry and both battalions of 3rd Gurkhas to be represented in same way as King's regiments, but no other Queen's regiments.

(8) Transport of contingent in Royal Indian Marine vessel approved. Please telegraph names of vessel and Commander.

I think that Volunteer Adjutant should be an officer of Regular Army holding Volunteer Adjutancy. This seems desirable in the light of experience of 1902.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 12, Camp Karachi, 12th April 1911, 9-20 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. In accordance with precedent a circular was issued to Local Governments in January last that no presents from individuals in British India would be received for transmission to England. An enquiry from the Government of Madras has reached me as to whether presents subscribed for by large bodies of individuals, presumably Municipalities and Corporations, will be received for transmission to the King.

I shall be glad of instructions in the matter.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. J. S. MESTON, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India,  
Finance Dept.

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*Simla, April 12th, 1911.*

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

Your enquiry of the 6th instant, regarding civil officers under this Department who will be on leave in England at the time of the Coronation.

So far as we know, our senior officers on leave will be the following :—

Mr. F. O. Harrison, C. S. I., I. C. S., Accountant-General, and lately officiating Comptroller and Auditor-General.

Mr. W. H. Michael, I. C. S., Accountant-General.

Colonel W. G. R. Cordue, R. E., Mint Master.

None of these officers are heads of Imperial Departments; but the two former appear in entry No. 46, and Colonel Cordue in entry No. 55, of the Warrant of Precedence.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) JAS. MESTON.

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Secy., Public Works Dept., to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, 14th April 1911.

Reply to letter regarding Coronation seats addressed to you, Viceroy's Camp, was posted on 11th.

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Secy., Finance Dept., to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, 14th April 1911.

Seats for Coronation. Reply posted three days ago. Our senior officers on leave in England will be Harrison and Michael, Accountants-General, and Colonel Cordue, Senior Mint Master.

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Secy., Education Dept., to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, 14th April 1911.

Your telegram *re* seats for Coronation in Westminster Abbey. I sent reply on 10th instant, stating that the only officer answering definition in your letter that would be on leave is Mr. J. H. Marshall, Director-General of Archæology.

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FROM THE HON'BLE MR. L. C. PORTER, Secy. to the Govt. of India, Education Dept.

*Simla, April 14th, 1911.*

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

I am sorry there was delay in answering your letter about the Coronation seats at home. I got up here on the 10th, and answered it immediately on arrival. I think the letter was addressed to me personally, so the Assistant Secretary did not open it as he should have done.

The Director-General of Archæology is the only Head of Department on leave. Poor Leslie died *en route*.

Hope you flourish. The weather here is glorious.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) L. PORTER.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 15th April 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram of April 1st. Tighe will arrive last transport.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 16, Camp Dehra Dun, 15th April 1911, 8-30 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Your private telegram of April 4th. The following officers, who will be on leave, are recommended by me for seats in the Abbey for the Coronation ceremony :—

Madras.—Arnold White, Chief Justice; Benson, Wallis, Miller, Munro and Sankara Nair, Puisne Judges; Weir and Castlestuart-Stuart, Members, Board of Revenue; Meyer, Chief Secretary; Wynch, Secretary; Bourne, Director of Public Instruction; Wilson, Chief Engineer; Cowie, Inspector-General of Police. Burma.—Sir Charles Fox, Chief Judge; Cholmeley, Leeds, Lewis, Commissioners; Rice, Chief Secretary; Arnold, Secretary. Punjab.—Robertson, Judge, and Fenton, Chief Secretary; Davies, Parsons, Fagan, Commissioners. United Provinces.—Griffin, Judge of High Court; Baillie, Holms, Members, Board of Revenue; Partridge, Commissioner; Trethewy, Inspector-General of Police; Goument, Chief Engineer. Bengal.—Brett, Judge of High Court; W. C. Macpherson, Member, Board of Revenue; D. J. Macpherson, Commissioner. Eastern Bengal and Assam.—Lyon, Member Board of Revenue; Nathan, Officiating Chief Secretary; Kershaw, Secretary. Central Provinces.—Fox-Strangways, Financial Commissioner; Standen, Chief Secretary; Hill, Director of Public Instruction. Bombay.—Heaton, Judge of High Court; Drew, Gibb, Barrow, Commissioners; Hill, Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar; Crump, Secretary; Stevenson, Surgeon-General. Government of India.—Fraser, Resident, 1st Class; Bunbury, Resident, 2nd Class; Williams, Archer, Rawlinson, Residents, 3rd Class; Bosanquet, Newmarch, Chenevix-Trench, Wood, Political Agents, 1st Class; Sir John Miller, lately Member, Viceroy's Council; Longe, Surveyor-General; Molison, Inspector-General of Agriculture; Pease, Inspector-General, Civil Veterinary Department; Gamble, Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue; Berrington, Director-General of Telegraphs; Harrison and Michael, Accountant-Generals. The question whether the wives of those who are married should also be invited I leave to your consideration.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 16th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram 29th March. His Highness the Maharaja of Idar has now intimated that, on account of death of His Highness the Maharaja of Jodhpur, he has postponed departure for England till 20th May. Name of steamer and route by which His Highness will travel will be communicated later.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 18th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram March 21st. His Highness the Gaekwar of Barod<sup>a</sup> leaves Bombay for England on 22nd instant by Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Mantua*, and will make his own arrangements as usual for accommodation for himself and party in London and England generally.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 18th April 1911, 5-10 p. m. (Recd. 19th, 7 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Coronation. His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala asks Political Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of State for India whether he should go to house or hotel in London. Please tell him house more suitable, and telegraph date and whether we are to make any arrangements.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 18th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram, dated 7th March. His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala will leave Bombay for England by P. & O. S. S. *Arabia* on 6th May next, accompanied by Sardar Gurnam Singh, His Highness's father-in-law, Major Mistri, Private Secretary, two Aides-de-Camp and two servants.

Suitable arrangements have been made for administration of State during absence of Maharaja.

His Highness desires usual customs facilities at Marseilles and in England

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

\* Telegram, No. 21, Camp Dehra Dun, 18th April 1911, 4 p. m.

*Private.* Your official telegram of April 12th. King has decided that Indian Honorary Lieutenants should not go to London with Coronation contingent. This will exclude Lieutenant Umar Hayat, a Member of my Legislative Council representing an important district of the Punjab. Unfortunately he has been told by the military authorities that he is to go and has made all preparations. In view of his importance to me from a political point of view, would the King kindly make an exception in his favour?

My Indian A.-D.-C. and the Commander-in-Chief's Indian A.-D.-C. have also been cut out. I should be glad if this could also be reconsidered. The fact of their exclusion when known will react on the prestige of the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 19th April 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Your telegram 26th January last. Coronation in London. Government of Burma intimates that Maung On Gaing, A. T. M., C. I. B., Member, Rangoon Municipal Committee, desires to attend ceremony at his own expense and intends proceeding to London, with his wife and daughter, on 4th May next. We support recommendation of Lieutenant-Governor that facilities be extended to Maung On Gaing. He attended Coronation in London of His late Majesty in 1902 as representative of Burma.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 20th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Coronation. My telegram 12th April. Maharaja of Gwalior has been obliged to postpone departure for England, and now proposes sailing in P. & O. steamer "*Egypt*", May 20th, arriving in London about June 4th.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 22nd April 1911.

*Foreign.* My telegram April 18th. Party accompanying His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda, excluding Rajkumar Dhairyashil Row, who now stays in India, is as follows :—

Maharani, Rajkumari Indiraraja, Doctor Mehta, Captains Rigg and Shivraj Singh, Aides-de-Camp, Miss West, Maharani's Companion, three Secretaries and five servants.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 22nd April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Your telegram dated 18th April.

His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala will be obliged if Political Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of State for India will arrange house for five months from 16th May next.

Maharaja asks for early intimation of house selected.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 22nd April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram March 7th. I have just heard that Thakur Sahib of Morvi proposes to leave for England at beginning of May. I recommend that he be given Coronation facilities. Full details will be furnished as soon as received. I regret that it was not possible to give you earlier notice.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 109, 24th April 1911, 5-30 p. m. (Despd. for Army Dept.)

Coronation Contingent. Please refer to your telegram, dated April 12th. Major Ellwood, 31st Lancers, United Provinces Horse (Northern Regiment), has been selected as Volunteer Adjutant.

## Secretary of State to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, 24th April 1911, 10-10 p. m. (Recd. 25th, 8 a. m.)

*Private.* Your private telegram of 1st instant. Coronation Contingent. You will of course understand when I submitted my proposals to the King I was not aware that my hands were in any way tied by communications you had made to individuals.

For the reasons you give I am willing to recommend to King modification of scheme so as to include Umar Hayat, but will it not be invidious if the only Honorary Commissioned Indian officer is a Lieutenant and a Mahomedan? A second officer may be added if you think it desirable. I shall be glad to have his name.

As regards A.-D.-C.'s, I am afraid I can see no sufficient reason to ask His Majesty to modify the scheme he has approved. It must be remembered that these officers will have special opportunities of seeing His Majesty at Delhi.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 24th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Coronation contingent. In accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 6 of your telegram, Army, April 12th, Major E. M. J. Molyneux has been selected as senior officer with Imperial Service Troops *vice* General Drummond.

## Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 24th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram April 16th. Maharaja of Idar leaves Bombay by P. and O. steamer *Egypt*, travels *via* Marseilles, and arrives London June 4th. Party same as mentioned in my telegram March 29th. As already reported, Nawab of Rampur sails in same boat and will stay in Paris for few days. He desires customs facilities at Marseilles and on arrival in England. Information regarding strength of party, accommodation, &c., has been sent direct to Political Aide-de-Camp.



Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 24th April 1911, 10-10 p. m. (Recd. 25th, 9-20 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation presents. Please refer to your private telegram of the 12th instant. The King desires that, as presents have already been prohibited in case of Chiefs and individuals in British India, they should be prohibited also in the case of public bodies. It might however be pointed out to such bodies that it is open to them to present loyal addresses in accordance with your circular. Any subscriptions made for the purpose of a present would then probably be devoted to purchase of a casket to enshrine the address. I mentioned this to His Majesty, and he replied he was inclined to think caskets were an unnecessary expense to which he did not wish to expose public bodies, and that addresses could be forwarded in simple covers. As His Majesty has left point for my decision, I am prepared to be guided entirely by your advice.

Copies of this telegram and the one to which this is a reply were sent to the Foreign Department for necessary action.

Chief Secy., Punjab Govt., to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, Lahore, 25th April 1911, 12 noon. (Recd. 3-15 p. m.)

In continuation of Major Bayley's telegram of 8th, Sir L. Dane and the Hon'ble Mr. Diack, Financial Commissioner, will be on leave at time of Coronation and might be given seats in Abbey.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 25th April 1911, 8-50 p. m. (Recd. 26th, 8. a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 1st March. Please telegraph name of officer proposed as Volunteer A.-D.-O. to the King. When may I expect to receive name of volunteer officers for Coronation?

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 26th April 1911, 5-25 p. m. (Recd. 27th, 8 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 22nd April. Please furnish early report by telegraph as to exact date on which His Highness the Thakur Sahib of Morvi arrives, address in London, duration of stay, and whether reserved seats required for gala performances, opera and theatre.

Lieut.-Governor, Burma, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

\* Telegram, Maymyo, 27th April 1911, 1 p. m. (Recd. 3-10 p. m.)

No. 85-C. Continuation of my telegram of the 11th April, No. 23. G. W. Shaw, Judicial Commissioner, Upper Burma, has recently applied for leave from May 13th and would like to be admitted to Coronation ceremony. I recommend that he be included in list of officers for whom seats are provided.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 27th April 1911, 8-25 p. m. (Recd. 28th, 7 a. m.)

Your telegram dated 1st March. Aides-de-Camp and Equerries should be granted same concessions as to pay and allowances as officers of Coronation Contingent. They will be provided for.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 27th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram, dated 22nd April. His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala asks that Political Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of State for India will arrange for a staff of servants for house arranged for him in London.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 25 (Camp), Dehra Dun, 27th April 1911, 9 p. m.

*Private.* Coronation. Please see your private telegram of the 24th April. I do not think it would be invidious to send Umar Hayat for, apart from being only Indian soldier on Imperial Legislative Council, he is senior Honorary Commissioned Indian Officer who is not a Chief or relative of Chief. The only non-Mahommedan other than above is quite unimportant Rajput Lieutenant in Bikaner Imperial Service Troops, whom there is no necessity to send.

At the same time if you could see your way to modifying the decision arrived at as regards my and the Commander-in-Chief's Indian A.-D.-C.'s I should be very grateful.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, 27th April 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Aga Khan. Please refer to your telegram, dated April 13th. No communication regarding Coronation has been made to His Highness. Bombay Government recommend, and I agree, that he be accorded similar treatment as a Ruling Chief present on his own account at the Coronation.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

\* Telegram, No. 24 (Camp), Dehra Dun, 28th April 1911, 11 a. m.

*Private.* Seats in Abbey for Coronation. My private telegram of April 15th. The following names should please be added :—Punjab, Sir Louis Dane, Lieutenant Governor; Diack, Financial Commissioner; Burma, G. W. Shaw, Judicial Commissioner.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 2nd May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Continuation my telegram of 19th April. Coronation. Punjab Government recommends that facilities be extended to Hon'ble Malik Umar Hyat Khan, Tiwana, C. I. E., an Additional Member, Governor-General's Legislative Council, and Sardar Charanjit Singh, cousin of His Highness the Raja of Kapurthala and Honorary Magistrate, Jullundur, who intend to proceed to England. Government of Bombay make similar recommendation in favour of Mr. V. N. Khopkar, District Deputy Collector, Nasik, who left for England on 31st March last. We support recommendations of Local Governments.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 2nd May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Mr. James McDonald, Ex-President, Bombay Municipal Corporation, and Ex-Sheriff, Bombay City, who in letter capacity read His Late Majesty's accession proclamation at Bombay, is proceeding to England and wishes to obtain stand tickets for himself and his wife to view procession. Mr. J. A. Wadia, one of the largest and most respectable mill-owners of Bombay and a Member, Municipal Corporation, and of Mill-owner's Association, Bombay, who left for England 8th April, also asks for facilities for viewing Coronation procession. Government of Bombay recommend these requests for favourable consideration and we should be glad if they could be met. We are not however aware whether you are able to make such arrangements. Your Lordship's telegram of 21st January referred in particular to accommodation for distinguished persons in the Abbey.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 2nd May 1911, 9-25 p. m. (Recd. 3rd, 8 a. m.)

Coronation Contingent. Native ranks should not bring saddlery.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 4th May 1911, 6-10 p. m. (Recd. 5th, 6 a. m.)

Coronation contingent. Please refer to paragraph 3 of my telegram of the 12th ultimo. The proposal that Umar Hayat Khan and the Indian A.-D.-C.s' to the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief should accompany the contingent is approved by His Majesty.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Home Dept.)

Telegram, 4th May 1911, 4-55 p. m. (Recd. 5th, 6 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Your telegrams, dated 2nd May. Coronation. Please telegraph as soon as possible details of movement of Malik and Charanjit Singh. List of functions will be closed shortly. Supply of official tickets for viewing procession limited, but applications of Macdonald and Wadia have been noted.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 5th May 1911, 9-15 a. m. (Recd. 6 p. m.)

*Foreign. Secret.* Your telegram, dated 22nd April. Please inform His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala best arrangement possible at this late date being made.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 5th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Aslam Khan, Aide-de-Camp, is seriously ill and writes that he will not be able to attend the Coronation. In circumstances, I hope he will be excused.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 5th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Coronation. In accordance with precedent of 1902, we propose, subject to your approval, to instruct Local Governments to notify 22nd June next as a public holiday under Negotiable Instruments Act. We also propose to arrange for Divine Services at Simla, and at provincial head-quarters and military stations on that date. We gather from Sir Charles Lyall's demi-official letter of the 29th May 1902 that instructions regarding the form of service will be sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury direct to Bishops in India.

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Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr., United Provinces, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, Nainital, 8th May 1911, 7-20 a. m. (Recd. 11-45 a. m.)

A request by messenger has been received from His Highness the Nawab of Rampur to the effect that His Majesty the King may be asked by cablegram graciously to excuse the Nawab's attendance at the Coronation in England. The Nawab is in a bad state of health and has shortly to undergo an operation; his medical adviser does not consider it advisable that he should undertake the journey. Nevertheless, unless he hears by cable that His Majesty is graciously pleased to excuse him, he is prepared to start on May 20th. It is unlikely if he goes that he will be able to perform the duty as an Aide-de-Camp. The Lieutenant-Governor is of opinion that a recommendation should be made for favourable consideration of the case.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 8th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram April 24th. Kumar Himatsinhji, son of Maharaj Kumar Major Daulatsinhji, also accompanies Maharaja of Idar to England.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 8th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Your telegram, dated 26th April. His Highness the Thakur Sahib of Morvi leaves for Europe by steamship *Egypt* 20th May. His Highness proposes to be absent from India about four months for benefit of his health. Date of his arrival in England uncertain, as he intends spending few weeks on Continent. His address in London Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son. He thankfully accepts the offer to reserve seats for Gala performances, and will avail himself of them if health permits. His Highness will make his own arrangements for accommodation, &c., in England. He will be accompanied by three followers. Customs facilities not required.

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Viceroy to Governor of Madras.

Telegram, 8th May 1911, 7-30 p. m.

*Private.* Your letter of April 30th. I have proposed to the Secretary of State that June 22nd should be notified as a public holiday and that Divine Services should be held at Simla, at provincial head-quarters and military stations on that date. I will inform you of the reply.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 8th May 1911, 11 p. m. (Recd. 9th, 7 a. m.)

Nawab Salar Jung applies for Coronation facilities. Do you approve? If so, please telegraph details.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 9th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram April 24th. Nawab of Rampur asks that His Majesty the King may be graciously pleased to excuse his attendance at the Coronation. His Highness is in a bad state of health and has shortly to undergo an operation; his medical adviser does not consider it advisable that he should undertake the journey. Unless excused, His Highness is prepared to start on May 20th, but it is unlikely, if he goes, that he will be able to perform his duties as an Aide-de-Camp. I recommend in circumstances that he be excused. If Nawab's request is granted, you will no doubt make the necessary communication to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. J. S. MESTON, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finance Department.

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*Simla, May 9th, 1911.*

[Dictated.]

MY DEAR DUBOULAY,

You will remember the papers about Munshi Abdul Rashid, nephew of the late Queen Victoria's Munshi, whom it is desired to send to England as a guest at the Coronation. Arrangements have now been made that he shall sail with the military contingent on the R. I. M. vessel *Dufferin* from Bombay on the 19th instant, and I have warned him to be in readiness. He will presumably return in a similar manner with the contingent.

As regards expenses, I would suggest that he be given travelling allowance at the usual rates to and from Bombay, £10 for each of the two sea journeys, besides payment of messing bills or other charges on the *Dufferin*, and £1 a day while in England. The daily allowance is what is being given to volunteer officers on duty with the contingent, and ought to be enough to keep him respectably. If the Court wish Abdul Rashid to have any special concessions or a larger supply of pocket money, they will no doubt arrange for it out of Coronation funds. I do not think that we need find more from our Indian revenues; but of course the whole matter is for the decision of His Excellency the Viceroy.

As His Excellency did not wish Abdul Rashid's entertainment to be arranged for through the India Office, perhaps you will kindly take orders as to the authority in England who should be informed of Abdul Rashid's coming and to whom he should be directed to report himself on arrival. If you will let me know what is settled, I will give Abdul Rashid the necessary detailed instructions. I shall also arrange, if His Excellency approves of the scale of expenses which I have suggested, that an adequate advance be made to Abdul Rashid before he starts.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

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I have informed Queen Alexandra's Court of the impending departure of Munshi Abdul Rashid. He should be told to report himself to Sir Dighton Probyn at Marlborough House.  
I approve of the scale of expenses proposed by Mr. Meston.

H.,—10-5-11.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 10th May 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Coronation Contingent. Fifteen members of Imperial Service Troops Contingent proceeding from India, and two now in England, are accustomed to feeding in European style. We request that arrangements for them may be made accordingly.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Home Dept.)

Telegram, 10th May 1911, 2-30 p. m. (Recd. 11 p. m.)

Coronation. Ten seats can be provided in Abbey for representatives of Indian Press. Please send as soon as possible list of ten selected representatives with names of newspapers. It is understood that Bannett, *Times of India*, Bombay, and Rattigan, *Pioneer*, are already in this country.

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H. H. Maharaja of Patiala to Viceroy.

Telegram 11th May 1911.

Many thanks for your kind wishes. Reached Aden safely.

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TO THE HON'BLE MR. J. S. MESTON, C. S. I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finance Department.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 11th, 1911.*

MY DEAR MESTON,

His Excellency has seen your letter of the 9th about Munshi Abdul Rashid and has informed Queen Alexandra's Court of the impending departure of the Munshi. He should be told to report himself to Sir Dighton Probyn at Marlborough House.

His Excellency approves of the scale of expenses proposed by you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Home Dept.)

Telegram, 11th May 1911, 4-35 p. m. (Recd. 12th, 7 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 5th May. Coronation. Proposals approved. Further telegram will be sent regarding form of Service.

FROM CAPTAIN G. C. S. BLACK, Private Secy. to the Lieut.-Govr. of Bengal.

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*Govt. House, Darjeeling, May 11th, 1911.*

DEAR MR. DUBOULAY,

Will you be good enough to let me know, for the Lieutenant-Governor's information, whether His Excellency has any special wishes as to the nature of the functions or entertainments which His Honour should give at the time of the Coronation?

If there is no objection, I will be glad also if you can tell me whether any orders are likely to issue as to the ceremonies which will have to take place. I presume there will be the usual Church Services, &c.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) G. C. S. BLACK.



Viceroy to Secretary of State. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Telegram, 11th May 1911.

Coronation. Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, recommends extension of facilities to witness ceremony to Rao Bahadur Indraraj Singh, Zamindar of Kamptee, Bhandara District, and Rao Bahadur Vasudeo Rao, Pandit of Nagpur, who wish to go to England at their own expense. Government of Bombay recommend grant of facilities to Sir Dinshaw and Lady Petit, Mr. Tribhovandas Mangaldas Nathubhai and Sir Jamsetji Jijibhoy, *Bart.*, who will be in London on the occasion. We support these recommendations. Enquiries have been made as to the movements of all these persons and you will be informed as soon as possible.

Your telegram, dated 4th May. Charanjit Singh's address care of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, Ludgate Circus. He sailed on 22nd April. Malik Umar Hyat Khan forms part of contingent sailing 19th May in the *Dufferin*. Our recommendation therefore on his behalf in private capacity may be considered as cancelled.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

Telegram, 11th May 1911, 4-30 p. m. (Recd. 12th, 7-30 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 24th April. Foreign. Will Drummond be on leave in this country at the time of Coronation? Are there any additions to list of General Officers given in your telegram, dated 1st April?

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 12th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

In continuation of my telegram, dated 11th May. Sir Dinshaw Petit left by P. and O. *Caledonia* 8th April *viâ* Marseilles. Mr. Nathubhai left by Austrian Lloyd's *Arabia* 1st April *viâ* Trieste. Sir Jamsetji Jijibhoy left by P. and O. *Mantua* 22nd April *viâ* Marseilles.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 12th May 1911, 4-50 p. m. (Recd. 13th, 7 a. m.)

*Foreign. Secret* Your telegram, dated 5th May, and your telegram, dated 9th May. His Majesty greatly regrets to hear of illness of His Highness the Nawab of Rampur and Aslam Khan, and under the circumstances is pleased to excuse them. He trusts that they will be soon restored to health.

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Viceroy to Governor of Madras.

Telegram, 13th May 1911, 1-45 p. m.

*Private.* My private telegram of 8th May. Secretary of State has approved my suggestions. Official orders will issue in due course.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, No. 126, 13th May 1911, 5 p. m. (Despd. for Army Dept.)

Coronation. Military prisoners. Remission of sentences. We consider it desirable that any orders on this point on the occasion of the Coronation should have effect simultaneously in England and India, and should apply to both British and Indian prisoners in this country. We shall be glad to receive advance copies of any orders it is proposed to issue at Home, should this be approved.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 13th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Hon'ble Mr. G. Raghava Rao Pantulu, a Non-official Additional Member of Legislative Council, Madras, will be present at London at the time of Coronation. Government of Madras recommend that facilities may be obtained for him to attend ceremonial functions. We support recommendation. Enquiry being made regarding Pantulu's movements and will be reported to you.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to Chief Commr., N.-W. F. Province.

Telegram, 14th May 1911.

No. 1001-I. B. Coronation. Your telegram 224, April 29th. Please inform Aslam Khan that His Majesty greatly regrets to hear of his illness, and in circumstances is pleased to excuse him. King trusts he will be soon restored to health.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr., United Provinces.

P \* Telegram, No. 63, 14th May 1911, 8-30 a. m.

Please see your telegram of 8th. Nawab of Rampur. His Majesty has excused his attendance from the Coronation on grounds of ill-health. Official orders will in due course reach the United Provinces Government.

Secy., Foreign Dept., to Chief Secy., United Provinces.

P Telegram, 14th May 1911.

*Foreign.* His Majesty the King's Coronation. With reference to Private Secretary's telegram of the 8th May, the Nawab of Rampur should be informed that His Majesty greatly regrets to hear of his illness, and trusts that he will be soon restored to health. In the circumstances, His Majesty is pleased to excuse him. Nawab will no doubt desire to send an expression of regret to Cambridge University authorities, who have been informed of His Highness's intention.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 15th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

In continuation of my telegram, dated 13th May. Raghava Rao left Colombo for England 4th May. His address is India Office.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Foreign Dept.)

Telegram, 15th May 1911, 2-25 p. m. (Recd. 16th, 8 a. m )

*Foreign.* Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, London, state that Bombay firm telegraphs that it is still possible His Highness the Nawab of Rampur may come and arrangements for visit should not be cancelled in view of His Majesty's gracious message in my telegram, 12th May.

I assume this is incorrect and am cancelling.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Home Dept.)

Telegram, 15th May 1911, 9-15 p. m. (Recd. 16th, 8 a. m )

Your telegram, dated 5th May. Coronation service. *Mico*. By His Majesty's Command, as was done 1902, copies of service commended for use by the Archbishops of Cantorbury and York have been sent to all India Bishops.

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To CAPTAIN G. C. S. BLACK, Private Secy. to the Lieut.-Govr. of Bengal.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 15th, 1911.*

MY DEAR BLACK,

In reply to your letter of the 11th of May, I write to say that I understand official orders will issue regarding the holding of services on the 22nd of June, and that it will be declared a public holiday. The Viceroy says that His Honour must decide whether he will do anything specially in honour of the day, but he himself is holding an official dinner and reception.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 17th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

In continuation of my telegram, dated 12th May. Indraraj Singh and Vasudeo Rao Pandit sailing in P. & O. steamer *Egypt* 20th May to Marseilles, thence by train.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 17th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Coronation. My telegram April 24th. Maharaja of Idar has postponed departure for England till 27th May. His Highness leaves Bombay by mail steamer *Salsette*, connecting at Aden with S. S. *Multan*, and will travel *viâ* Marseilles to London. Maharaja will be accompanied by young Maharaja of Jodhpore. Details regarding latter's visit will be reported separately as soon as possible.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 19th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Your telegram 8th May. Minister of the Nizam of Hyderabad states that Nawab Salar Jang is in Hyderabad, and so far as is known he is not going to England for Coronation. Application to you probably bogus. Enquiries being made.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 19th May 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Your telegram, dated 11th May. Drummond will not be in England at the time of Coronation. Following alterations necessary in the list of General Officers given in our telegram, dated 1st April:—*Add* Bell and O'Donnell. *Omit* Nixon.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. J. S. MESTON, c. s. i., Secy. to the Govt. of Indian,  
Finance Dept.

*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 19th, 1911.*

MY DEAR MESTON,

With regard to this file about the deputation of Munshi Abdul Rashid, I see that the Article of the Civil Service Regulation requires the previous sanction of the Secretary of State, which cannot now be obtained. Furthermore, the Viceroy is anxious to avoid referring the matter to the Secretary of State at all, if possible. The difficulty appears to lie in the fact that he is being granted a free passage. The Viceroy asks me to suggest to you that the passage should be paid for. If you can arrange this with the military authorities and let me know the course, I will arrange to put you in possession of the necessary funds.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

[ ENCLOSURE. ]

Financial Department file returned with this letter.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.  
P \* Telegram, 19th May 1911.

**Coronation.** Please refer to your telegram of May 17th. Time has, I think, now come when it should be explained, in reply to any further enquiries, that it is too late to grant facilities in connection with Coronation. Arrangements are being set in hand to obtain seat in Abbey and other facilities for Maharaja of Jodhpur. Extreme difficulty has been experienced, however, in dealing with case.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 21st May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* Your telegram May 15th. Nawab of Rampur hoped that he might yet be able to sail by the *Egypt*, but continued illness has now led to final abandonment of visit. His Highness desires that expression of his loyal thanks may be submitted to His Majesty for his sympathy and consideration in excusing his attendance.

Aslam Khan gratefully acknowledges receipt of His Majesty's kind and gracious message.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 21st May 1911.

*Foreign.* My telegram dated 8th May.

His Highness the Thakur Sahib of Morvi postponed departure to England for the present. Date of departure, when fixed, will be reported later.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 25th May 1911. (Despd. from Foreign Dept.)

*Foreign.* My telegram dated 17th May. His Highness the Maharaja, Jodhpur, will be accompanied by Captain Strong, Guardian and Tutor, Thakur Dhokal Singh, two Rajput servants and will, for the present, reside with Sir Partab Singh. Usual Customs facilities desired.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 26th May 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

**Coronation Contingent.** Imperial Service Troops. Rai Bahadur Dhanpat Rai, Jaipur Transport Corps, unable to accompany contingent owing to illness in family.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 26th May 1911. (Despd from Finance Dept.)

Delhi Coronation Durbar Committee explain that, from communications received, it is clear that large number of visitors will arrive from Europe; and unless proper agency exists in London to answer expeditiously innumerable enquiries regarding accommodation available and conditions at Delhi, and also to allot places in various Visitors' Camps, it is feared that much inconvenience and charges of bad management will result. Propose leaving question remuneration and choice of suitable officer entirely to Your Lordship.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 28th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Your telegram, dated 10th May. Seats for representatives of Indian Press at Coronation. Following selections made by Local Governments. Madras.—L. E. Kirwan of *Madras Mail*, 63, Eardley Crescent, Earls Court, London, and Diwan Bahadur K. Naryana Row of *Hindu*, care of Thomas Cook and Sons. Bombay.—Samuel Digby of *Bombay Gazette*, National Liberal Club, and Bennett of *Times of India* already in England vide your telegram. Bengal.—Paul Knight of *Statesman*, *Statesman* Office, Strand, London. United Provinces.—Rattigan of *Pioneer*, *Pioneer* Offices, 14, Cockspur Street, London, and Frederick Grubb of *Leader*, 126, Home Park Road, Wimbledon Park, London. Burma.—Frank McCarthy of *Rangoon Gazette*, 53, Cambridge Terrace. Names of remaining two representatives will be communicated shortly.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 29th May 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

In continuation of my telegram, dated 28th May. Press representatives at Coronation. Mr. A. L. Cotton, 45, St. John Wood Park, London, is selected as representative of *Bengalee* newspaper.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 30th May 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Coronation Contingent. Captain Short, Yercaud Rifle Volunteers, unable to accompany contingent owing to illness.

Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Home Dept.)

Telegram, 31st May 1911, 5-15 p. m. (Recd. 1st June, 5 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated the 29th May. Press at Coronation. F. F. Gordon of *Advocate of India*, Bombay, has arrived. I am giving tenth place in Abbey to him. No further names required.

FROM SIR GHULAM MUHAMMAD ALI, Khan Bahadur, K. C. I. E., Prince of Arcot.

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*Amir Mahal, Madras, May 31st, 1911.*

MY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

With due respect and profound submission, I beg leave to convey to Your Excellency expressions of my most genuine feelings of loyalty and high devotion, together with my most sincere congratulations, on the most happy and auspicious occasion of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India, to be placed before the Imperial Throne of His Most Gracious and August Majesty, and to humbly request Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to forward the *Kharita* herewith containing expressions of the most heartfelt congratulations to His Imperial Majesty, for which act of grace I shall deem immensely indebted.

I beg to remain, &c.,

(Sd.) G. MUHAMMAD ALI.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 1st June 1911. (Despd. from Army Dept.)

Coronation Contingent consisting of following sailed *Dufferin* 19th May :—

Three Aides-de-Camp to the King and Equerry, namely, Birdwood, Melliss, Stewart, Watson. Regular troops—British officers, including Adjutant of Volunteers, 23. Indian officers 219, including one holding honorary rank, and Orderly Officer Commandant British subordinates 5. Indian Orderlies, including hospital, 219. Volunteer officers 14. Imperial Service Troops—British officers 3, Indian officers 31, Orderlies 31. Private followers 25. Public followers 52. Baggage 1,300 maunds. Castes, Mahomedan and Hindus, officers 102 and 148, Orderlies ditto, followers 22 and 54, respectively, one Christian follower. Meat-eaters—officers 244, Orderlies ditto, followers 68. Following Indian officers have expressed wish to feed as Europeans—Regulars 72, Imperial Service Troops 19.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 3rd June 1911, 3-15 p. m. (Recd. 4th, 5 a. m.)

*Private.* I am informed by Sir Dighton Probyn that Queen Alexandra has arranged with you that Abdul Rashid, nephew of Queen Victoria's late Munshi, shall attend the Coronation, and that he arrives on board the *Dufferin* on 11th instant. As to providing him with entertainment and lodging, to what extent are we to regard ourselves as responsible?

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, No. 145, 5th June 1911, 6-10 p. m.

*Private.* Abdul Rashid. Your private telegram of 3rd.

You have no responsibility whatever. He has been told to report himself at Marlborough House, and he has been provided with pocket-money.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Army Dept.)

P \* Telegram, 8th June 1911, 3 p. m. (Recd. 9th, 5 a. m.)

Your telegram of the 13th ultimo. Intimation has been received from the War Office that, on the occasion of the Coronation, it is not intended to grant any remission of sentences of military prisoners.



Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 10th June 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

Reference Hewett's demi-official to Lee-Warner, dated 7th August 1902, in reply to No. 2-Political, dated 27th June 1902. Please telegraph whether you would object to receiving direct from Local Governments and Administrations congratulatory messages on the occasion of Coronation in London instead of through our Home Department. Many people will doubtless send messages at their own expense on this occasion, and it would save much trouble if, in this instance, Local Governments and Administrations were allowed to transmit the messages direct.

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The following press *communiqué* has been issued in the Home Department:—Intimation has been received from the India Office that addresses for presentation to the King-Emperor on the occasion of his Coronation in London should be addressed to the King and Queen jointly, but that addresses to the King only will not be declined. No addresses can be acknowledged or will be received by His Majesty until after the Coronation ceremonies are completed. His Majesty would prefer that the money which it is proposed to expend in this connection should be devoted to charities.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy. (Home Dept.)

Telegram, 15th June 1911, 5-25 p. m. (Recd. 16th, 5 a. m.)

Your telegram, dated 10th June. Coronation. I agree to your proposal regarding congratulatory messages.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 17th June 1911, 5-50 p. m. (Recd. 18th, 5 a. m.)

*Private.* Coronation Honours. Please see my private telegram of yesterday. The words "on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation", should appear in the announcement.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, No. 162, 23rd June 1911.

As Chancellor of University, I forward the following message :—

*Begins.* University of Calcutta, of which His Gracious Majesty King-Emperor is an Honorary Doctor of Law, begs to offer its humble congratulations to His Majesty on the auspicious occasion of his Coronation and to assure him of the steadfast loyalty and devotion of its members to his person and the throne. *Ends.*

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 27th June 1911. (Despd. from Home Dept.)

On behalf of Province of Bengal, Lieutenant-Governor offers loyal congratulations to Their Imperial Majesties on the auspicious occasion of their Coronation. Message has been acknowledged.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

Telegram, 27th June 1911. (Despd. for Home Dept.)

Parsi community at Simla convey through their leader, Mr. Framjee, their most loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of Their Majesties' Coronation. Message has been acknowledged in suitable terms.

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Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P \* Telegram, No. 165, 27th June 1911, 12-30 p. m.

*Private.* It might interest Their Majesties to know that some 1,300 telegrams and letters from individuals and societies all over India, expressing loyal congratulations on Their Majesties' Coronation, have been received by me.

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Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P \* Telegram, 28th June 1911, 9-35 p. m. (Recd. 29th, 7 a. m.)

*Private.* Your private telegram of 27th instant regarding number of loyal messages received much gratified His Majesty.

TO SIR GHULAM MUHAMMAD ALI, Khan Bahadur, K. C. I. E., Prince of Arcot.

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*Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 19th, 1911.*

MY FRIEND,

I have received, with very great pleasure, your letter of the 31st May, conveying your loyal congratulations on the occasion of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor.

I have issued directions that the *Kharita* addressed to His Majesty, which you have sent to me for transmission, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India to be laid before His Majesty.

I remain, your sincere friend,

(Sd.) HARDINGE OF PENSHURST.

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